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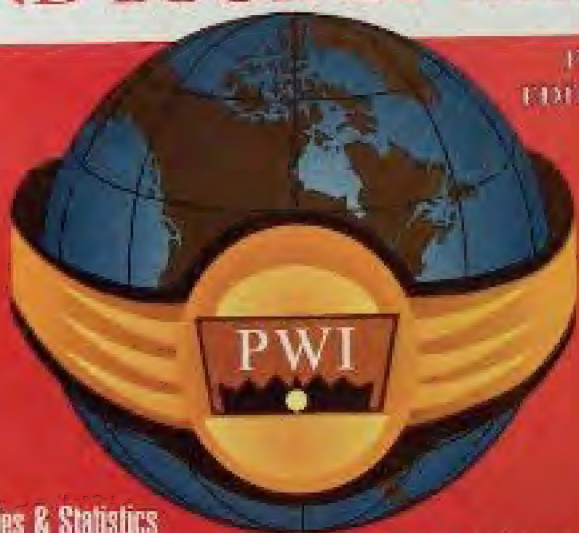
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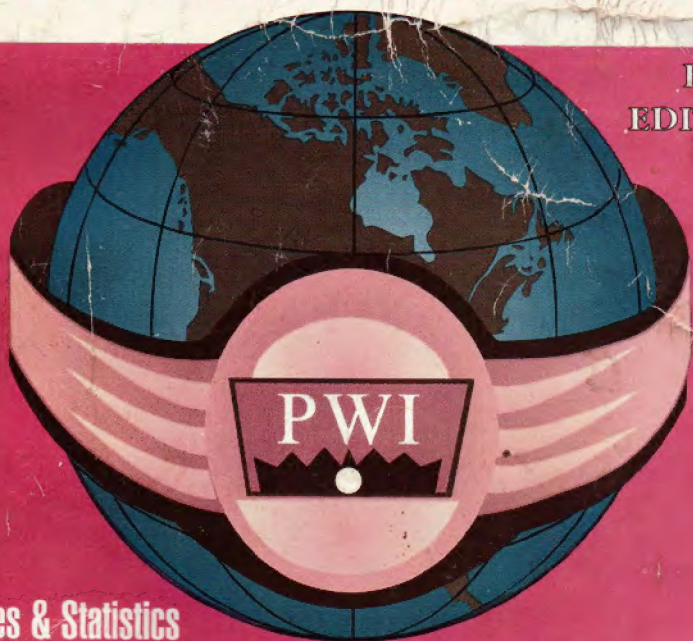
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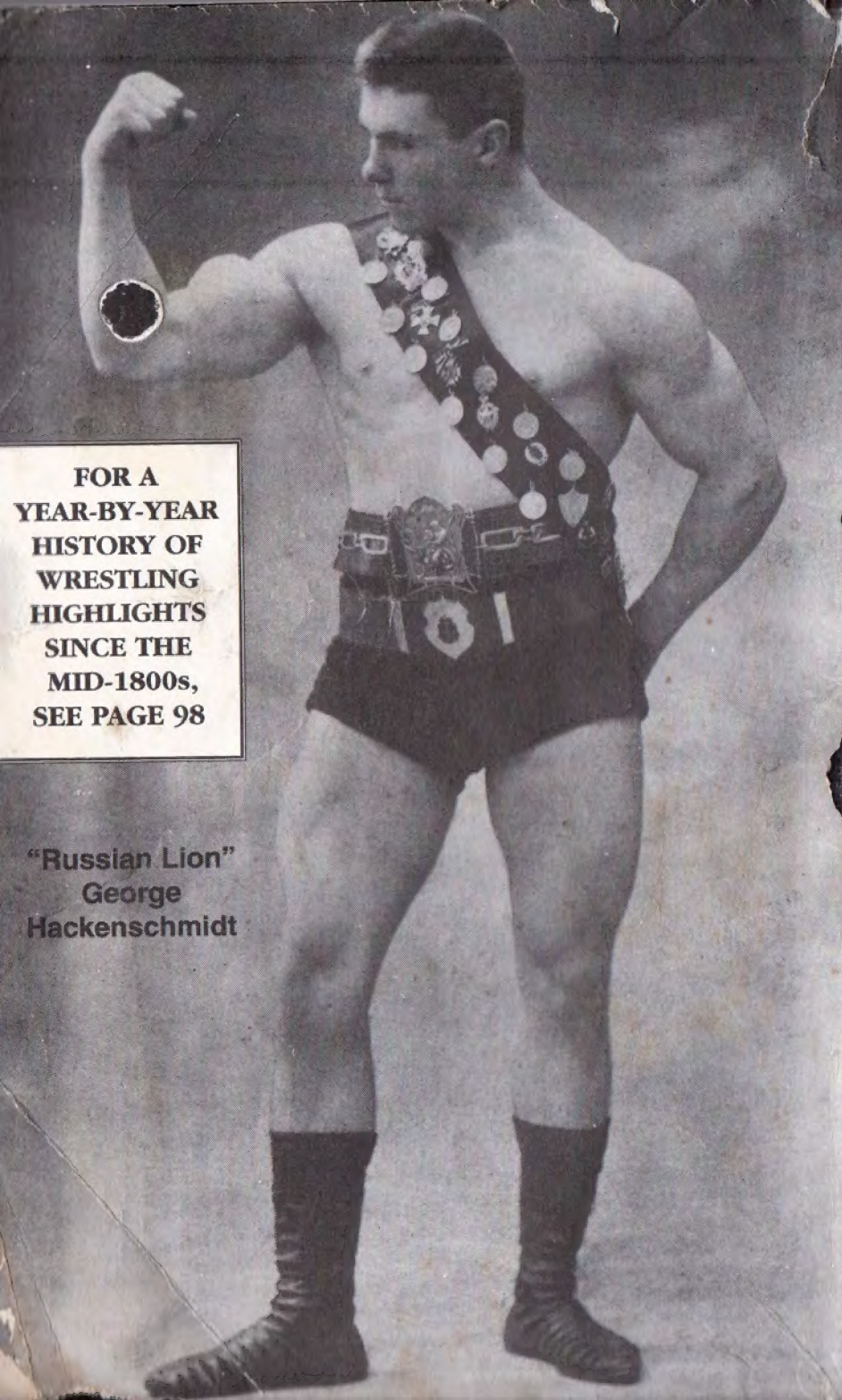
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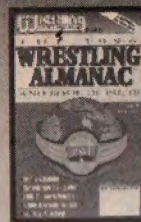


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YEAR-BY-YEAR
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EDITOR'S NOTE

As I look over the 196 pages of material you hold in your hand, the lists of statistics, the records of championships, the pieces of history, the profiles of wrestlers, the results from pay-per-view cards, and all the rest, I have only one word to say:

Whew!

There is no question in my mind that this volume is the most massive undertaking ever made by this publishing company, at least in the 14 years I've been associated with *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* and its sister publications.

There is also no question in my mind that this is long overdue. For years, every sport has had record books and reference books available to the fans. Every sport, that is, except wrestling.

Now that situation is remedied.

Six months ago in the pages of *PWI*, we asked for your input and suggestions as to what we ought to put in this almanac. We took many of your suggestions, and hope you're as pleased with the finished product as we are. We've cross-referenced and double-checked every fact and bit of information on every page. The result is an invaluable reference tool for every fan of the sport.

But it's just the beginning.

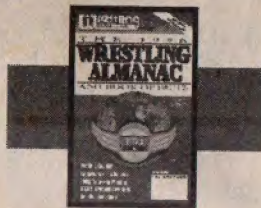
Next year, the second edition will be published, and we will do everything we can to make improvements and update the information you hold in your hands. What would you like to see added to this almanac and fact book? What changes would you make? What sections would you expand—or eliminate? Let us know!

Also: Do you have information to add to any of the sections? Bits of history, perhaps, or dates of pro debuts and wrestler birthdays? Or did you spot an error, factual or typographical, that crept into these pages? Hopefully there aren't many (we labored long and hard to make this volume as accurate as can be), but there are probably a few; if so, write and let us know, so we may update our files for next year.

Send all comments, suggestions, additions, and corrections to: *PWI ALMANAC*, Box 1148, Ft. Washington, PA 19034.

Meanwhile, enjoy this first-ever almanac and fact book ... and we'll see you in the pages of the monthly *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*.

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THE 10 BIGGEST NEWS STORIES OF 1995

1—THE MONDAY NIGHT TV WARS

On September 4, World Championship Wrestling started the Monday night TV wars by launching *WCW Monday Nitro* head-to-head with rival powerhouse *WWF Monday Night Raw*. WCW sent a strong message to the WWF by acquiring Lex Luger, one of the WWF's most popular stars, and having him appear on its debut episode. Luger, a former WCW heavyweight champion, challenged Hulk Hogan for a title match, which took place live the next week. Since *Nitro*'s debut, the battle for ratings supremacy has been a stalemate, with *Nitro* and *Raw* trading victories week to week. But that's considered a victory by WCW, as *Raw* was consistently ranked in the top 15 cable television shows before *Nitro*'s debut with an average Nielsen rating of 3.2. That number dropped to about 2.5 when *Nitro* began. With *Nitro* averaging about the same rating, that indicates that rather than the WWF and WCW splitting the Monday night audience, wrestling viewership actually increased with the arrival of *Nitro*. A combined 5.0 rating translates to a total of nearly 5 million viewing homes.



WCW MONDAY NITRO

2—LAWRENCE TAYLOR GAINS MASSIVE MAINSTREAM PUBLICITY FOR PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

By agreeing to wrestle Bam Bam Bigelow at *WrestleMania XI*, former New York Giants superstar Lawrence Taylor set off a media frenzy surrounding his appearance on the most popular pay-per-view card of the year. Not since *WrestleMania III* had the mainstream press paid that much attention to wrestling, and the WWF hoped it would lead to *WrestleMania XI* being its most successful PPV to date. The TNT cable network, owned by Turner Broadcasting Systems—which also owns WCW—was apparently not happy with Taylor's involvement with the WWF, and released him from his color commentator role without public explanation shortly after Taylor agreed to the match. While Taylor wrestled and defeated Bam Bam Bigelow in the main event, the ground swell of publicity surrounding Taylor's appearance at the event did not translate to PPV buys outside of the Northeast. Overall, *WrestleMania XI* was financially less successful than *WrestleMania X*.



LAWRENCE TAYLOR AT WRESTLEMANIA XI

3—THE PAY-PER-VIEW SCHEDULE EXPANDS—AGAIN

With the debut of *In Your House* on May 14, the WWF expanded its pay-per-view schedule to approximately one show per month, a move that put it on pace with WCW, and resulted in an unprecedented 20 PPV wrestling events in 1995 (seven more than in 1994, and nine more than in 1993). The expansion of PPV schedules by both organizations is a result of the enormous amount of money that can make off one PPV program, often more than a month's worth of non-televvised events. Additionally, attendance at non-televvised cards for both organizations has been declining for several years, to the point where many shows are no longer profitable and the overall number of live cards has decreased. The increase in PPV cards is designed to offset those losses. However, more PPVs means more competition than ever for the wrestling fans' dollars. Is the market oversaturated? Possibly: PPV buy rates for wrestling overall are starting a slow but steady decline.



PAY-PER-VIEW EXPANDS—AGAIN

4—THE SHAWN MICHAELS ATTACK—AND COLLAPSE

On October 14, 1995, a sleeping Shawn Michaels was pulled out a parked car by several men in front of Club 37 in Syracuse, New York. Reports, ranging from four to 10 men, proceeded to pummel Michaels, who was unable to defend himself. At press time, one suspect had been arrested, Douglas D. Griffith, a 23-year-old soldier based at Fort Drum, who was charged with second-degree assault. The injuries proved severe enough to keep Michaels from wrestling on the *In Your House* pay-per-view eight days later; Michaels was forced to forfeit the Intercontinental title to Dean Douglas, who lost the title to Razor Ramon later that evening. Michaels remained out of the ring for a few weeks, but attempted a comeback against Owen Hart in November. That comeback came to an abrupt halt on November 20, when he collapsed in the ring on *WWF Monday Night Raw*. It was reported that Michaels was suffering from postconcussion syndrome, and as the year drew to a close, there were doubts remaining as to whether he would ever wrestle again.



SHAWN MICHAELS

5—NBC DROPS WRESTLEMANIA SPECIAL

For the first time since 1991, NBC put the WWF in its prime time schedule by agreeing to air a special one-hour broadcast of *WrestleMania XI* highlights on June 4. The deal, which was reportedly worth more than \$200,000 to the WWF, would have provided major mainstream media exposure and a rare opportunity to appear before a non-wrestling audience. NBC, however, canceled the airing of the program at the 11th hour, claiming the director of programming services was on vacation when the network agreed to air the show and had it pulled when he returned. While losing the NBC deal was a major blow, the WWF regrouped and subsequently

worked out a deal with the FOX network. The one-hour version of *WrestleMania*, featuring the Lawrence Taylor vs. Bam Bam Bigelow and Shawn Michaels vs. Diesel matches, aired on FOX on September 30 at 11 p.m. That meant the WWF had a substantially smaller potential audience than during prime time. Still, the special was success: 3.6 million homes watched the broadcast, making it the most widely viewed wrestling program of the year.



THIS WRESTLEMANIA SPECIAL WAS NOT ON NBC

6—WRESTLING IN NORTH KOREA DRAWS 340,000

The first pro wrestling event ever to take place in Korea destroyed previous attendance records by drawing a reported 150,000 fans as part of the Pyongyang International Sports and Culture Festival For Peace on April 28. The second night shattered the previous night's record as 190,000 fans attended a card headlined by Antonio Inoki pinning Ric Flair. Until the North Korea card, the attendance record was held by the WWF's *WrestleMania III*, which jammed 93,173 people into the Pontiac Silverdome in 1987. The two days of wrestling, which received media coverage around the world, generated gates of \$7-million and \$8.5-million, respectively. WCW aired several of the matches that took place at the two-day festival on its "Collision In Korea" pay-per-view on August 8, which, in addition to the Inoki vs. Flair match, featured several Japanese wrestlers, Rick and Scott Steiner, Road Warrior Hawk, and 2 Cold Scorpio.

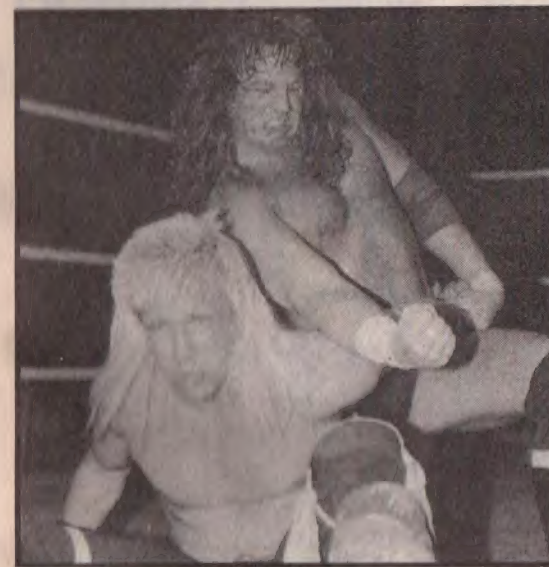


AMAZING CROWDS IN NORTH KOREA

7—SMOKY MOUNTAIN WRESTLING SUSPENDS OPERATIONS

Smoky Mountain Wrestling promoted its last card on November 26, 1995. The organization, which brought traditional wrestling to an area of the country that had been neglected by the

WWF, USWA, and WCW, had been suffering severe financial difficulties for some time. Over the past four years, SMW had provided fans with tremendous action and excitement, and brought such talented stars as The Heavenly Bodies, Tracey Smothers, and Tony Anthony into the consciousness of wrestling fans nationwide, as well as giving Jim Cornette a forum for his managerial talents and tirades. The folding of SMW may be a bad sign for a sport that is seeing a once-thriving independent scene continue to shrivel. If SMW, widely acknowledged as a high-quality independent organization, cannot survive, what are the chances of USWA, ECW, and other independents making it into the 21st century?



FAREWELL, SMOKY MOUNTAIN ACTION

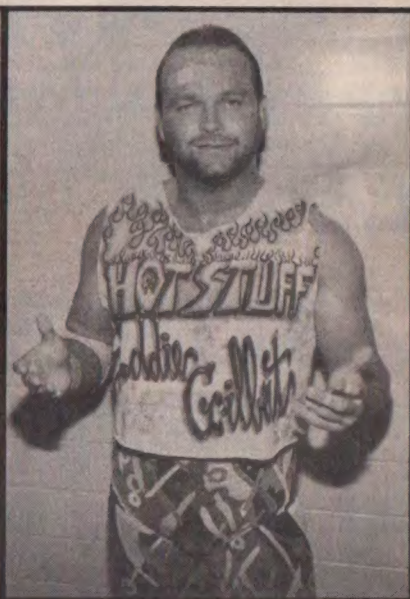
8—EDDIE GILBERT AND JOHN STUDD DIE

Eddie Gilbert, a second-generation wrestler considered one of the most talented stars in the sport, was found dead on February 18, the result of a heart attack. Gilbert held many titles in the '80s, but never achieved his goal of becoming a world champion. In the '90s, Gilbert became erratic, often remaining with a promotion for just a few months before moving on. Gilbert was loved by many in the profession, and his funeral was attended by more than 400 people.

Literally one of wrestling's biggest stars, John Studd died on March 20 from liver cancer. Studd entered the sport in 1972, and by the late-'70s was a headliner. Studd's combination of size and strength made him one of the toughest wrestlers ever to don tights. His feuds with Andre the Giant were legendary; once, Studd even cut Andre's hair! Noted for his nice disposition outside the ring, Studd became a gentle giant during his last days in the WWF in 1989. Age and injuries finally caught up with him, and he eventually retired after working the independent circuit. In 1993, he began a 17-month battle with Hodgkin's disease. He left behind a wife and three children.



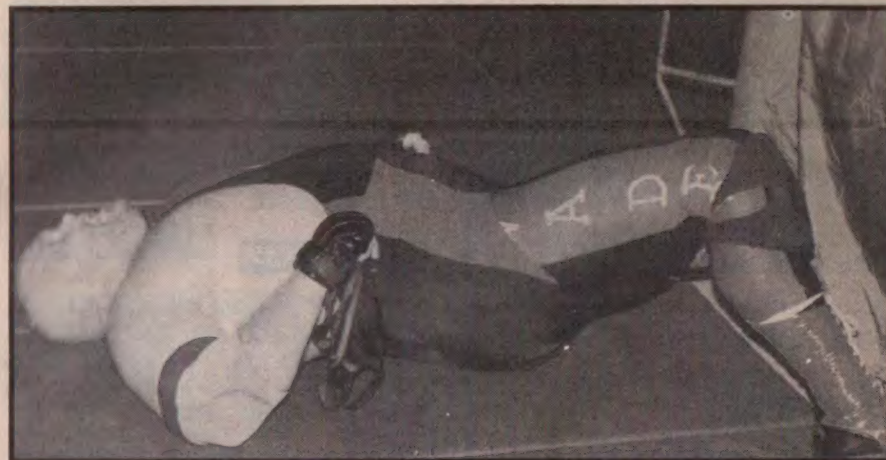
JOHN STUDD



EDDIE GILBERT

9—THE BIG VAN VADER-PAUL ORNDORFF LOCKER ROOM BRAWL

A locker room altercation between Paul Orndorff and Big Van Vader on August 30 saw Orndorff clearly get the better of one of the toughest men in the sport—and led to Vader leaving WCW. The fight, which was instigated by Vader's belligerent behavior toward Orndorff, and fueled by Orndorff's challenges to Vader, led to a locker room melee with Orndorff dominating the 450-pound monster. After the fight was broken up by several wrestlers, Vader again challenged Orndorff—and again was destroyed by the 46-year-old veteran. For starting the backstage fight with Orndorff, Vader was indefinitely suspended by WCW—and was eventually dropped from WCW's roster. At press time, Vader is negotiating with several promotions in Japan, as well as the WWF. Should Vader wind up wrestling in the WWF, his 1995 brawl with Orndorff could be the one match that most affects the face of wrestling in 1996.



BIG VAN VADER LOSES A BIG BEHIND-THE-SCENES BRAWL



WWF PRESIDENT GORILLA MONSOON

10—GORILLA MONSOON REPLACES JACK TUNNEY AS WWF PRESIDENT

After years of making some of the most ludicrous decisions in the history of wrestling, WWF President Jack Tunney resigned. In his place, the WWF appointed a new president: commentator and former wrestling great Gorilla Monsoon. Monsoon, who has stated this is only a temporary position for him, has made a reputation for himself by giving fans matches they want to see. His first move was to pit Shawn Michaels against Razor Ramon at SummerSlam in a reprise of their infamous "ladder match." But he has also made his mistakes, most notably stripping Shawn Michaels of the Intercontinental title in October because Michaels could not wrestle after being attacked in Syracuse, New York. Monsoon, however, says he will make the decisions he feels are best, and is not worried about politics because the position is a temporary one. So far the results have been mixed, but substantially better than with Tunney at the helm.

1995: THE YEAR IN WRESTLING

In this section, we provide an overview of some of the more memorable events of the year just passed. For a look at memorable dates throughout wrestling history, turn to page 98.

JANUARY 6:

Randy Savage makes his WCW debut, defeating Avalanche in Birmingham, Alabama.

JANUARY 7:

Tully Blanchard comes out of retirement to wrestle ECW champion Shane Douglas to a 60-minute draw at the ECW Arena in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JANUARY 13:

Cactus Jack and Sabu continue to push the boundaries of professional wrestling by participating in a "bring your own weapon cage match" in Las Vegas. Weapons include tables, garbage cans, and a noose. Sabu wins when he leaps off of the cage and crashes through the timekeeper's table, thereby being the first wrestler to hit the floor.



EDDIE GILBERT

JANUARY 19:

WWF World champion Diesel admits he took steroids for several years before joining the WWF, which has a strict drug testing policy, on Chet Coppock's *NewSport* talk show on the SportsChannel cable station.

JANUARY 22:

Jerry "Crusher" Blackwell dies as a result of complications from pneumonia; he was 45.

JANUARY 23:

Ray "The Crippler" Stevens undergoes triple-bypass heart surgery at Hennepin County Hospital in Minnesota after suffering from a stroke. The surgery is successful, and Stevens makes a full recovery.

JANUARY 24:

Seven-time NWA World champion Harley Race suffers a broken hip and two broken hands in a car accident in Kansas City, Missouri.

FEBRUARY 13:

Former wrestler Paul "Butcher" Vachon's first bid in politics fails as he receives only 338 votes in the Canadian National Elections.

FEBRUARY 18:

Eddie Gilbert dies of a heart attack in his apartment in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico; he was 33.

FEBRUARY 18:

Roddy Piper makes a rare appearance at a wrestling card to present longtime Portland promoter Don Owen with a plaque commemorating Owen's decades-long career in the sport.

FEBRUARY 22:

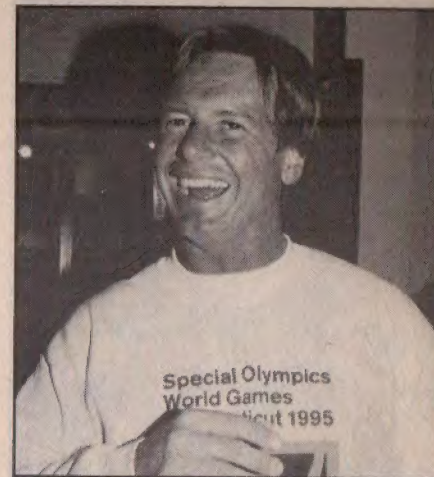
The *New York Post* publishes a scathing article regarding the deaths of Eddie Gilbert and several other wrestlers who tragically died young. Two-time former WWF World champion Bruno Sammartino is quoted as saying, "It's time to clean up this business or abolish it, because it's nothing like it used to be. Right now, it's filled with human junk."

FEBRUARY 25:

Former NWA World champion Terry Funk returns to wrestling in the United States when he attacks Cactus Jack at the ECW Arena in Philadelphia.



TERRY FUNK ATTACKS CACTUS JACK



RODDY PIPER

FEBRUARY 26:

Smoky Mountain Wrestling shows signs of financial trouble when its supercard, Sunday Bloody Sunday II, draws only 1,100 fans—less than a third of the 4,000 in attendance just a year earlier.

MARCH 13:

Crush is arrested at his home in Kona, Hawaii, after narcotics officers search his home and discover 500 units of anabolic steroids and several unregistered semi-automatic guns. He is released on \$10,275 bail.

MARCH 20:

John Studd dies of liver cancer in Fairfax Hospital near his home in Burke, Virginia, after a 17-month battle with Hodgkin's disease; he was 46.

MARCH 28:

Lawrence Taylor receives major mainstream publicity when he has a public workout in New York's Times Square in preparation for his *WrestleMania XI* bout against Bam Bam Bigelow.

**DICK HUTTON****APRIL 28:**

Approximately 150,000 fans attend a New Japan Pro Wrestling event in Korea, setting an attendance record that stands for one day, as nearly 190,000 fans attend the second day of wrestling at the Korean cultural festival.

APRIL 29:

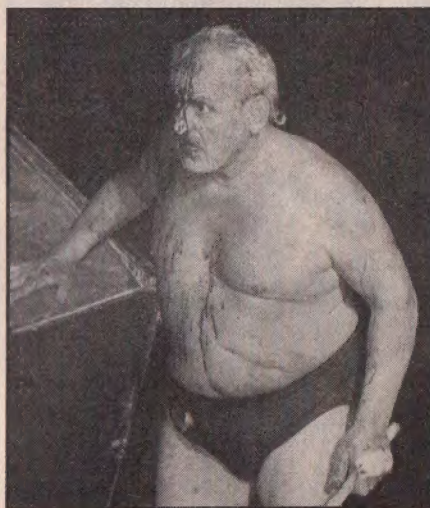
Former NWA World champion Dick Hutton, who won three collegiate NCAA titles, is inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

MAY 5:

An ECW show in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is almost canceled by building security when they confiscate two boxes full of frying pans, cookie trays, and other foreign objects from fans.

MAY 6:

The Sheik, still semi-active at age 70, suffers a heart attack while getting into a taxi in Tokyo. He makes makes a full recovery.

**THE SHEIK****APRIL 2:**

Former Miami Dolphin linebacker Kim Bokamper makes his pro wrestling debut, defeating Bobby Rogers in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

APRIL 7:

NWA champion Dan Severn wins the Ultimate Fighting Championship V in Charlotte, North Carolina.

APRIL 8:

Boxer Oliver McCall, defending the WBC heavyweight title against Larry Holmes, dedicates the fight to John Studd, because Studd helped McCall when he was a young fighter. McCall retains his title via 12-round decision.

APRIL 28:

Fred Blassie suffers a heart attack that results in triple-bypass heart surgery on May 3. The former wrestler and manager makes a full recovery.

MAY 10:

Wrestler Ilio Di Paulo, who gained international fame in 1954 when he defeated boxer Omelio Agramonte in a wrestler vs. boxer match in Haiti, dies after being struck by a car in Buffalo, New York; he was 68.

MAY 13:

The Boston Garden hosts its last pro wrestling show ever, the WWF's "A Night To Remember."

MAY 25:

WWF World champion Diesel undergoes surgery to remove bone chips in his right elbow.

JUNE 10:

The Fabulous Ones—Steve Keirn and Stan Lane—team for the first time in more than three years, defeating Tommy Rich and Doug Gilbert in the main event of the USWA's Memphis Memories II supercard.

JUNE 24:

The Grand Wizard, Fabulous Moolah, Antonino Rocca, Ivan Putski, George "The Animal" Steele, Pedro Morales, and Ernie Ladd are inducted into the WWF Hall of Fame.

JULY 8:

Dennis Gauthier Jr., the son of former wrestler Denis Gauthier and nephew of Jacques and Raymond Rougeau, is selected in the first round of the NHL draft by the Calgary Flames.

JULY 12:

WWF President Jack Tunney resigns.

JULY 22:

The Ultimate Warrior wrestles his first match in more than two years before 2,000 fans in Las Vegas, Nevada; he defeats the Honky Tonk Man.

**ULTIMATE WARRIOR VS. HONKY TONK MAN****JULY 23:**

Pro wrestler Hiroshi Hase is elected to the Japanese House of Councilors.

JULY 22:

WWF preliminary wrestler Chuck Austin, to whom a federal jury awarded \$26.7-million in an April 1994 lawsuit against the WWF, settles his dispute with the federation out of court. According to the settlement, Austin will receive approximately \$7-million, while his legal team will receive approximately \$3-million.

AUGUST 20:

Cactus Jack, once again proving he doesn't care about his body, pins Terry Funk (who doesn't care much for his body, either) in a "no-ropes barbed-wire explosive time bomb death match" in Kawakita, Japan.

AUGUST 25:

Wahoo McDaniel announces in *Sports Collectors Digest* that he will retire and join the pro bass fishing tour.

AUGUST 29:

Big Van Vader and Paul Orndorff are involved in a locker room brawl at Atlanta's Center Stage Theater that results in Vader's suspension and eventual dismissal from the organization.

SEPTEMBER 4:

WCW debuts *Monday Nitro*, live from The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota. Top WWF star Lex Luger shocks the wrestling world by appearing on the show, speaking derisively about the WWF and its stars, and claiming he wants a shot at Hulk Hogan and the WCW World title; Hogan gives him that title shot a week later, and the match ends in disqualification when members of The Dungeon of Doom enter the ring.



LEX LUGER ON WCW MONDAY NITRO

SEPTEMBER 11:

WCW wins the first head-to-head meeting of *Monday Nitro* vs. *Monday Night Raw*, posting a 2.5 rating to Raw's 2.2.

SEPTEMBER 11:

Jesse Ventura scores a major victory when the U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Court in St. Paul, Minnesota, affirms an April 3, 1994, verdict awarding Ventura \$809,958 in a lawsuit against the WWF over his participation in wrestling videotapes.

SEPTEMBER 25:

Ted Turner agrees to sell TBS and all its holdings, including WCW, to Time Warner Inc., which would take control in 1996.

OCTOBER 2:

Former UWF commissioner and San Francisco 49er John Ayres dies of liver cancer; he was 42.

OCTOBER 14:

A sleeping Shawn Michaels is pulled out of a car in front of Club 37 in Syracuse, New York, and beaten by several men (reports range from four to 10), who flee the scene before police arrive.

OCTOBER 28:

Crush is sentenced to five years probation after pleading no-contest to 11 counts of drug and weapons charges.

OCTOBER 28:

A near-riot occurs at ECW Arena in Philadelphia when Cactus Jack brings a chair wrapped in a flaming towel that ignites part of Terry Funk's clothing. Funk flings the towel into the crowd, the lights go out, fire extinguishers are squirted toward the crowd, and panic ensues.



HULK HOGAN VS. STING

OCTOBER 29:

Hulk Hogan pushes The Giant off the roof of Cobo Hall following a monster truck battle between the two men.

OCTOBER 29:

Jimmy Hart, manager and confidante to Hulk Hogan for years, turns against the "Hulkster."

NOVEMBER 20:

Shawn Michaels collapses in the ring in Richmond, Virginia, during a match with Owen Hart.

NOVEMBER 20:

Sting and Hulk Hogan battle for the first time ever on a *WCW Monday Nitro* broadcast live from Macon, Georgia; the bout is disrupted about 10 minutes in when The Dungeon of Doom interferes.

NOVEMBER 22:

The *New York Post* reports that federal prosecutors and the FBI are investigating the possibility of witness tampering prior to last year's Vince McMahon steroid trial.

NOVEMBER 26:

Smoky Mountain Wrestling announces in Cookeville, Tennessee, that it is closing down operations.

DECEMBER 4:

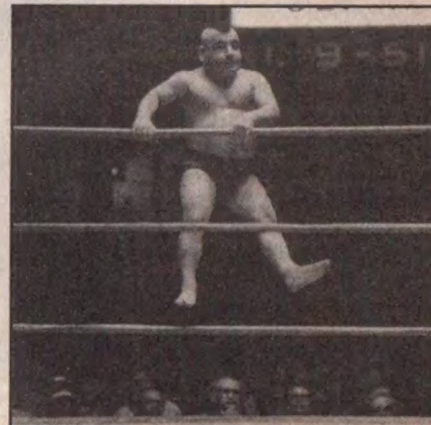
Legendary midget wrestler Little Beaver dies in Montreal following a six-month battle with emphysema; he was 61.

DECEMBER 16:

NWA champion Dan Severn wins The Ultimate Ultimate competition in Denver, Colorado.

DECEMBER 18:

Alundra Blayze appears on *WCW Monday Nitro* and throws her WWF World women's title belt in the garbage.



LITTLE BEAVER

1996

A LOOK AHEAD

In the year-end edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, PWI staffers looked back on the previous year to recall their most vivid memories of 1995. In this PWI ALMANAC feature, PWI staffers look ahead—and predict where the sport is headed in the next 12 months.

Stu Saks (Publisher): What wrestling lacks as we pass the midway point of the decade is a superstar in the true sense of the word: one man who transcends the sport and reaches the consciousness of the general public, as Hulk Hogan did in the mid-1980s. While the popularity of wrestling is still higher than it was before the surge of Hulk-McMania in the '80s, it has certainly dropped off some in the '90s. The sport needs to reach out to the mainstream once again if it is ever to get back to where it was at its height. And that's where that one megastar comes into play. Quite frankly, I don't know who that star will be, but I do know that it has been so long since the sport has had one, the time is due. Why not 1996?



IS AHMED JOHNSON THE NEXT MEGASUPERSTAR THE SPORT IS SEEKING? JOHNSON WOULD LIKE TO THINK SO, BUT PROBABLY NOT: WRESTLING HAD ITS FILL OF PURE POWER GRAPPLERS IN THE '80s.

Craig Peters (Associate Publisher): It's getting to be a cliché, I suppose, to say this, but I think we're in for one of the most interesting years the sport has seen in a long, long time. The WWF, which has been a powerhouse for more than a decade, is on the wane, having lost a huge amount of talent to both WCW and the injury list; but Vince McMahon is not about to sit still, and I'm sure he has some interesting promotional ideas up his sleeve. Meanwhile, WCW is gaining plenty of attention with the superstars of a decade ago, and broadening its roster by bringing in stars from ECW, AAA, and Japan; I think that will continue, and the average fan will become more educated about wrestling worldwide. And while ECW remains as cutting-edge as can be, its appeal is limited; that fact, plus the demise of Smoky Mountain Wrestling, doesn't bode well for the health of the independent scene, I'm afraid.



ECW BOUTS—LIKE AXL VS. IAN ROTTEN—OFFER PLENTY OF BLOOD AND GORE, BUT THEIR APPEAL IS LIMITED TO A RELATIVELY SMALL HARDCORE FOLLOWING.



MASA CHONO VS. JOHNNY B. BADD IS ONE OF THE WCW/NEW JAPAN CROSSOVER MATCHES THAT IS HELPING U.S. FANS BECOME MORE EDUCATED ABOUT THE SPORT WORLDWIDE.

Bill Apter (Senior Editor): I'm afraid I'm not very optimistic. The Ultimate Fighting Championships are getting more and more popular and doing very well on pay-per-view. Extreme Championship Wrestling is getting more violent by the day. I see our sport as a whole getting bloodier and more violent just so promoters can appease viewers who live for the blood and gore. In the case of ECW, it seems like promoters and wrestlers just try to make each show more outrageous than the last one. How much more extreme can it get? All I can say is I hope I'm wrong and 1996 turns into a year in which true sportsmen like Alex Wright can show off their magnificent athletic skills.

Dave Lenker (Managing Editor): I think we got a clue as to where the sport is headed in 1996 in August '95. That's when WCW signed Eddy Guerrero, Dean Malenko, Chris Benoit, and Sabu. Someone in the executive offices of WCW finally realized that the most exciting wrestlers in the world aren't necessarily the ones who weigh 300 pounds and spend six hours per day pumping iron. I see '96 as the year the Guerreros, Malenkos, Benois, and others like them finally get their due in the big American federations. World champion Eddy Guerrero perhaps? Vince McMahon ought to realize that the two best wrestlers are Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels. Neither is "larger than life," but both are exciting to watch. He might want to tinker with his talent roster a bit. I see '96 as the year of the great all-around athlete in wrestling.



WILL 1996 BE THE YEAR WRESTLING REDISCOVERS WRESTLING?

Brandi Mankiewicz (Associate Editor): Although Smoky Mountain Wrestling folded in November '95, I do believe that most independent federations will continue to flourish. I think the fans will soon grow tired of the "Big Two" battle and return to the smaller promotions where there are no pyrotechnics, really huge egos, or costly pay-per-view shows nearly every month. The loyalty of fans following ECW, USWA, and others seems to be increasing as people look for something not as commercial as WCW or the WWF. I think fans are looking at all the "new" talent like Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko, and Al Snow coming into WCW and the WWF from the independent circuit and are curious as to where the next rising star will come from. Who knows—maybe the next huge star will come from one of the tiniest wrestling promotions.



PERHAPS THE INDEPENDENT SCENE WILL STAGE A RALLY IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

David Rosenbaum (Senior Writer): Shock sells. Howard Stern has the highest-rated morning radio show in America and his second best-selling book. Unfortunately, when one shock barrier is broken, another has to be set up so it can be broken down. We're seeing that in wrestling, where wrestlers are doing more and more outrageous things to gain the attention of promoters. Ten years ago, Adrian Adonis was enough. Now we have Dustin Rhodes as Goldust. What's going on in ECW these days isn't about violence, it's about shock, pushing the envelope. We're shocked when brothers feud or when commissioners get attacked by referees. What's next in '96? Who knows? One sure thing: It'll shock us all.



GOLDUST IS MORE ABOUT SHOCK THAN SUBSTANCE.

Eddie Ellner (Senior Writer): All I can say is I hope we see more new talent in the major federations. If you've read my columns over the years, you'll know that a lot of the grizzled veterans are still my favorites. I guess I'll always love watching Stan Hansen, but I hope '96 is the year established stars like Hulk Hogan finally learn to step aside and let the younger stars have more of the spotlight. Because as much as we love to watch these older stars, we have to realize that they can't go on forever. And if they keep hogging the spotlight, that means the young guys won't get the attention they deserve. Maybe one reason there aren't many young megastars out there today is that the older megastars refuse to give the young guys a chance to develop and shine. That has to change if wrestling is to continue to thrive.



IS THE REASON THAT YOUNG STARS (LIKE HUNTER HEARST HELMSLEY AND BOB HOLLY) CAN'T BREAK THROUGH TO SUPERSTARDOM BECAUSE THE AGING SUPERSTARS WON'T STEP ASIDE AND MAKE ROOM FOR THEM?

Jason Ross Lavin (Photo Editor): I know we saw quite a bit of cooperation between federations in the last year or two, but I don't see that continuing. We're going to see more fans identifying with one promotion the way most fans of other sports identify with one team. I've covered dozens of ECW shows during the last three years, so I know all about the hardcore ECW fans who back that federation and that federation only. And don't forget how loyal the fans of Smoky Mountain and the USWA were this fall during the SMW-USWA war. Plus, since WCW put *Monday Nitro* on the air opposite the WWF's *Monday Night Raw*, the war between the "Big Two" has heated up. It's as if federations are telling people, "Don't be just a wrestling fan. Be a fan of our promotion and no other!" I'm not sure that's good for wrestling.






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WRESTLER PROFILES

As part of the first-ever *PWI ALMANAC*, we wanted to include a section profiling the top stars in the sport today. Then, along came our sister publication, the *1996 WRESTLING ANNUAL*, which did exactly that. What to do? Well, in case you missed that 100-page annual, we're revisiting (and, in many cases, updating) those "profiles with an attitude." And even if you did see that annual, we've provided even more information: In addition to heights, weights, and years pro for each wrestler (for more specific stats, see page 74), we've also given you a listing for the most recent *PWI* centerfold of that star (in case you want to research your back issues for more complete biographical and career information), plus a comprehensive retrospective of "PWI 500" listings for each of the stars in this section.

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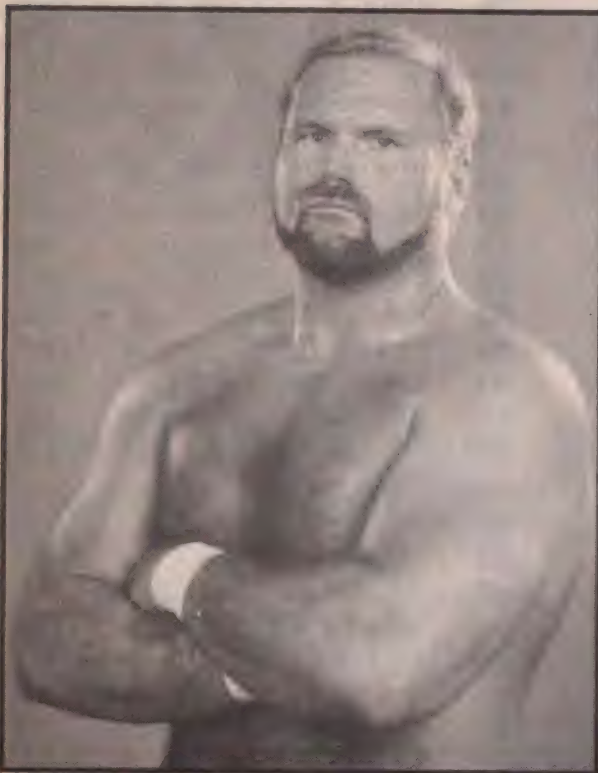
ARN ANDERSON

"Double A" is double-tough, but he was double-trouble for Ric Flair, defeating the "Nature Boy" at Fall Brawl ... Yeah, Brian Pillman interfered, but ... First, we thought maybe it was Flair just getting a taste of his own medicine ... Now we know more ... In retrospect, looks like a Horseman audition was set up by Arn and Ric for Pillman ... Passed with flying colors ... We

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 249
YEARS PRO: 14
PWI CENTERFOLD: JANUARY 1996
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 24
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 31
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 24
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 19
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 9

hear Chris Benoit is headed into the fold, too ... Arn's a better tag team wrestler than a singles star, and has the guts to admit it ... You gotta love his interviews; quiet, but intimidating ... In-ring style is equally intense ... Shocked the wrestling world in 1993 by being involved in a double-

stabbing hotel fight with Sid Vicious ... Talk about intimidating! ... Was there any residual anger from Sid having received a \$1-million Horseman bonus payment from Ric Flair back in 1991? ... Sure, Arn, sure ... The Arn-Flair relationship is clearly a friendship made in wrestling heaven ... Can the Horsemen possibly thrive a decade after their formation? ... Why not? ... Imagine the effectiveness of an Anderson-Benoit team ... Or Anderson-Pillman ... Or Anderson-Flair ... (But would Flair really want to leave solo competition for long?) ... (Probably not) ... We'd place our money on seeing Arn with the WCW World tag team belt around his waist sometime in 1996 ... In fact, go ahead and bet the farm ... Don't underestimate his behind-the-scenes strategic value to the Horsemen, either.



JOHNNY B. BADD

Former amateur boxing champion is said to have a great left hand, although we never really cared to find out for ourselves ... Started his career as a rulebreaker, known as manager Teddy Long's gift to WCW ... For a while there, had us asking, "Excuse me? Where's the return department? This just doesn't fit right" ... Wore more makeup than senior citizens at a Florida condominium, and had matching pretty-in-pink outfits

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 235
YEARS PRO: 5
PWI CENTERFOLD: FEBRUARY 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 57
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 51
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 51
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 59
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 101

... Doesn't look much like Molly Ringwald, though ... Does, however, bear a striking resemblance to rock 'n' roll legend Little Richard ... Both are natives of Macon, Georgia ... Became one of WCW's

most popular wrestlers when he severed ties with Teddy Long ... Narrowly edged out of the 1991 PWI Rookie of the Year award by P.N. News ... Nice call, voters! ... Although Badd remains in the WCW Top 10, he's an afterthought to most fans when pondering the sport's top performers ... It's very hard for opponents to take him seriously ... Even after they're stunned by one of the best sunset flips in the sport ... Maybe it's all the fringe in his outfits ... Speaking of fringe, look for Badd to edge away from the fringes of WCW competition as his TV title reign continues to build up momentum ... Could pose a stiff threat to the U.S. title ... But for how long? ... Has shown a tendency to choke in big matches ... Has the potential to pull it all together and wear some gold, though ... Needs to keep focused—on more than just his makeup and ring outfits ... And needs to get past his feud with Diamond Dallas Page quickly.

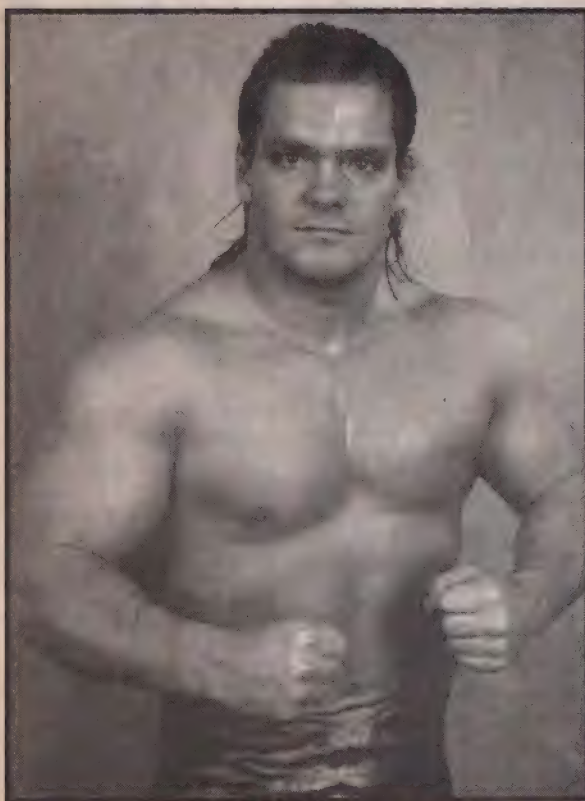


CHRIS BENOIT

Hail the newest Horseman! ... This scientific standout is Calgary-grown, Japan-polished, and ready to break out in a big way in WCW ... Wait a second, haven't we heard that somewhere once before? ... WCW's traditional unwillingness to spotlight top lightweight talent won't help Benoit's status in the sport any ... (But being a Horseman very well might!) ... Was his status helped much back in 1993 when he was wrestling in WCW? ... Not really ... Wrestled some awesome matches, though, and continues to do the same ... Pardon our cynicism, but despite Benoit's tremendous skills, we just

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 218
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 46
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 43
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 44
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 99
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 107

can't see him becoming the next Hulk Hogan, Sting, or Randy Savage ... More likely to become the next Terry Taylor ... Hope we're wrong, fear we're right ... Benoit's not the kind of guy to paint his hair red, though; he's a solid grappler all the way ... "This time it's for keeps," Benoit said. "WCW fans better get used to me, because I'm here to stay" ... Glad he thinks so ... Teamed with Bobby Eaton in his first WCW stint ... Duo was great, but barely registered a blip on the WCW tag team scene ... Reportedly, the tandem suffered from a lot of infighting ... That's no way to win a championship ... Has a great flying headbutt ... That's kind of like calling somebody a good kamikaze pilot ... Comes to WCW fresh (!) from ECW ... "Crippler" Chris could make some serious waves in WCW—if the matchmakers don't hold him down ... Again.



BAM BAM BIGELOW

Big guy with the fireball tattoo on his bald scalp has turned his career around after losing to Lawrence Taylor at WrestleMania XI ... That makes about as much sense as a football player turning his life around after getting accused of murdering his ex-wife ... Taylor got a million bucks, Bigelow made decent money but couldn't save face ... Former bounty hunter got shot at a few times down in Mexico and decided, "Maybe this job isn't for me" ... Decided to play it safe and became a pro wrestler ... Trained at Larry Sharpe's Monster

HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 368 POUNDS
YEARS PRO: 11
PWI CENTERFOLD: JULY 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 30
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 24
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 33
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 84
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 58

Factory in Laurel, New Jersey, and was featured on *A Current Affair* ... Showed promise on *A Current*

Affair when, unlike most wrestlers, he didn't bodyslam or headbutt the interviewer and camera man ... Has since shown similar killer instinct ... Besides winning the Mid-South title in Memphis and other independent titles here and there, Bigelow has never lived up to the media's lofty expectations ... Perhaps because although he has surprising aerial skills for a big man, he overestimates his ability and often misses on the high-risk maneuvers ... The bigger they are, the harder they fall ... A missed high-risk Bigelow move usually results in a pin ... Of him ... Known as the "Beast From The East" ... Some Beast—he lost to a team of Dinks at the 1993 Survivor Series ... Getting kicked out of Ted DiBiase's Corporation might have been the best thing that ever happened to him ... Every time it look as if his career is taking a turn for the better, it hits a snag ... The world anxiously awaits the announcement of his WrestleMania XII opponent.



ALUNDRA BLAYZE

Started her career as Madusa Miceli ... We can't figure out how one makes the jump from Miceli to Blayze (or Madusa to Alundra) or why it really matters ... Looks very nice in a bikini, but not nice enough to win a swimsuit competition against Missy Hyatt ... She can't seem to decide whether she's a wrestler, a manager, or a model ... Was Paul E.

Dangerously's right-hand woman in The Dangerous Alliance ... That partnership went up in smoke a few years ago when Madusa got angry at Dangerously for belittling her ... Madusa defeated

HEIGHT: 5'9 1/2"

WEIGHT: 150

YEARS PRO: 11

PWI CENTERFOLD: JUNE 1994

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

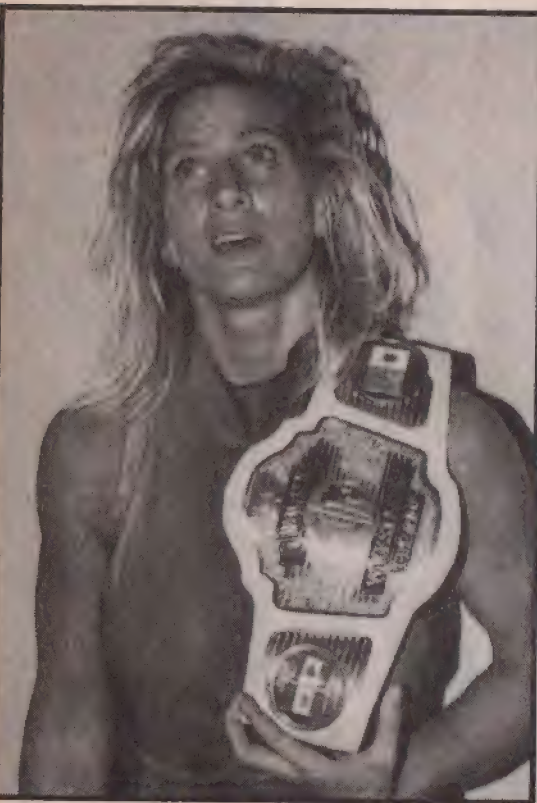
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

Paul E. in a series of matches ... Has held both the AWA and WWF World women's belts ... Defeated Bertha Faye in October to regain WWF World women's title ... Although Miceli undoubtedly got her start because of her good looks, it was her wrestling (and overall athletic) ability that set her several cuts above the others ... Extremely popular in Japan, where she now does most of her wrestling ... Had a wild feud with Luna Vachon in which she nearly had her hair torn out ... Is still the target of every female wrestler in North America hoping to make a name for herself ... One of the few women in recent years to preach the message that women's wrestling should be taken seriously ... At this point, nobody's sure whether to believe her ... But as the saying goes: watch the messenger, not the message ... Isn't that what they say? ... Perhaps frustrated by her failure to help women's wrestling thrive in the U.S., Alundra might continue to concentrate on competing mainly in Japan.



CACTUS JACK

A strange thing happened a few years ago when Big Van Vader power-bombed Cactus Jack: temporary amnesia overtook the crazed New Mexican

While Jack was forgetting everything about himself, we were forgetting everything about him, too ... Absolutely one of the craziest and most fearless wrestlers in history ... Doesn't care who he hurts—or who hurts him ... Isn't much of a technical wrestler, but does it really matter? ... Defending against a madman isn't easy ... Unless you power-bomb them onto a cement floor ... Long-time independent wrestler was making a pretty good name for himself until the

HEIGHT: 6'4"

WEIGHT: 227 POUNDS

YEARS PRO: 13

PWI CENTERFOLD: OCTOBER 1992

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 31

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 27

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 53

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 29

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 45

amnesia thing ... Maybe Jack forgot that you need money to buy groceries, or whatever it is that he eats ... Wasn't the same when he returned and lost a falls-count-anywhere match at Halloween Havoc '93 ... Went nowhere fast, about his usual speed ... Fortunately, however, around that time a little federation called ECW grew up in Pennsylvania ... It was the perfect home for Cactus Jack ... He feuded with Sabu, Terry Funk, and other assorted maniacs ... Jack had them all beaten in the brainiac department ... Is among the top contenders to the ECW heavyweight title ... Doesn't care much for belts, though ... More interested in mayhem ... We can only imagine what the demons inside his head sound like ... Clearly they have very insistent voices ... Doubtful whether he'll ever again get a chance in WCW or the WWF ... Or if he even wants one ... Jack is his own man and perfectly fit for the ECW/independent scene.



DIESEL

Until the summer 1994, Diesel's wrestling career was like a slow train coming ... Anybody who billed themselves as Vinnie Vegas deserved to go nowhere ... Disco Inferno, take note ... Also wrestled as Oz ... Oyl ... Displayed a genuinely kind demeanor as champion and defended the WWF World title as frequently as possible ... Arrived in the WWF in early-

1994 as Shawn Michaels' bodyguard ... Within a matter of months, won the WWF World tag team title (with Michaels), the Intercontinental title, and then the World title from Bob Backlund two days after the

HEIGHT: 7'
WEIGHT: 356 POUNDS
YEARS PRO: 6
PWI CENTERFOLD: SEPTEMBER 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 1
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 14
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 203
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 367

1994 Survivor Series ... Michaels turned against him ... Showed his good nature by forgiving Michaels, even though he was attacked by Michaels during a Royal Rumble match against Bret Hart ... He and Michaels seemingly won the WWF World tag team title at the September 24 In Your House pay-per-view when Diesel pinned Owen Hart in the Tripleheader match ... Monsoon giveth and Monsoon taketh away ... Diesel's good nature saw him lose his edge as 1995 was winding down ... Then came Survivor Series ... And Bret Hart ... In the 1996 PWI Wrestling Annual, we suggested that Diesel's reign might end after facing the best all-around wrestler in the federation ... We meant Michaels, but on second thought—I ... Both Hart and Diesel wrestled with hard edges in that bout ... Diesel came out of it without the title, but with a renewed killer instinct ... he faces some tough decisions and matches in the months to come ... In 1995, he found out that it wasn't easy being World champion ... now he's going to find out how difficult it is being ex-champion.



DEAN DOUGLAS

No, his name isn't Dean ... Think Dean Wormer (from *Animal House*), not Dean Martin ... As in Dean of Students at a college ... We liked Shane better ... Is actually a certified school-teacher ... Back in 1993, teamed with Rick Steamboat to win the WCW World tag team title ... The two made an excellent pairing ... Lost the belts to Steve Austin and Brian Pillman ... They masqueraded under masks as Dos Hombres, a very bad idea ... Later in the year, Douglas left WCW and returned to the independent circuit ... Another very bad idea ... In late-1995, jumped to the WWF and billed himself as Dean Douglas ... Gives grades to wrestlers after their matches ...

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 223 POUNDS
YEARS PRO: 11
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 28
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 32
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 72
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 245
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 171



Thinks Razor Ramon is an idiot ... Talk about taking the most dangerous route to a feud! ... On the scale of WWF characters, is slightly more appealing than Brother Love and the Red Rooster, though not quite as endearing as Jerry Lawler ... Could probably teach The Kid a few lessons ... Like in how to tear apart a championship belt ... Did just that in 1994 after winning a tournament for the NWA title ... At the time, also held the ECW title ... Made the observation that one belt was virtually worthless and the other actually meant something ... We won't tell you how we thought ... Actually, we think Douglas should take a very good look at his WWF paycheck and compare it to his independent paychecks. Then he should consult his accountant and come to the following conclusion: "I like making money. I like it here in the WWF because they pay me a lot of money. Who cares if I have to go along with this stupid Dean gimmick? I am rolling in the dough."

HACKSAW DUGGAN

The Pride of Glens Falls, New York, is extremely popular because of his flag-waving patriotism ... Singlehandedly responsible for the huge growth in sales of foam 2x4s ... Only in wrestling could a man who goes around hitting people with a huge stick be a fan favorite ... Oh, you mean slugging people with the side of a house doesn't make you a rulebreaker? ... Got his first big break in the old Mid-South region

... Signed with the WWF in the mid-1980s ... Despite his popularity and staying power, Duggan never got title shots and has had to be content as a middle-of-the-card wrestler ... Currently lost in the

HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 280
YEARS PRO: 9
PWI CENTERFOLD: JUNE 1991
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 113
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 71
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 66
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 120
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 82

WCW shuffle ... What, you say? WCW never had a shuffle? ... Well, it does now that Hulk Hogan is in the federation ... Last year, Duggan tried to tag along on Hogan's coattails, only to get left behind ... Fights to the finish with Big Bubba Rogers have been impressive, but we're not sure where they put him in terms of eventual title shots ... It's hard to see the brawling Duggan making any in-roads toward a title shot over the next year or two, nor has he made any attempts toward that goal ... On the other hand, what's he supposed to do, go back to Glens Falls and work in the lumber mill? ... Can't blame him for hanging on ... Doesn't have many options in Japan, where the fans expect the wrestlers to know at least one move ... Now that he's made so much money in wrestling, Duggan can take a few months off and have the operation ... You know, the one that enables your knees to bend.



RIC FLAIR

The 10-time WCW and WWF World champion retired on October 23, 1994, when he lost a retirement match to Hulk Hogan ... Of course, retirement isn't everything it used to be ... Especially in wrestling ... Has also vowed on several occasions to retire if he wasn't capable of winning the WCW World title ... Hasn't held it in well over a year and doesn't even get title shots anymore, so

what's he waiting for? ... Does he think the new Four Horsemen can help him get the gold again? ... Hey, if Hulk Hogan can be champion again, maybe anything's possible ... Became great by

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 243
YEARS PRO: 23
PWI CENTERFOLD: SEPTEMBER 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 20
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 3
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 6
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 3
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 3

perfecting the figure-four leglock, one of the most devastating submission holds in history ... Oddly, though, doesn't get many submissions with the move ... It's a great tool for wearing down an opponent, though ... By the way, Ric: Time to control that uncontrollable flip over the corner ... Everyone knows by now to follow up with the clothesline on the ring apron ... Grew up idolizing "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers, who also didn't know when to quit ... Figures to stick around WCW until a better offer comes along ... Probably not from the WWF again ... We wouldn't mind seeing him replace Steve McMichael in the broadcast booth ... Can't deny that Flair is among the very best wrestlers ever ... Also can't deny that his best years are behind him ... Does he have it in him to go out gracefully? ... Probably not ... If he did, he'd still be "retired" ... Can't resist the urge to go for just one more championship ... Probably never will.

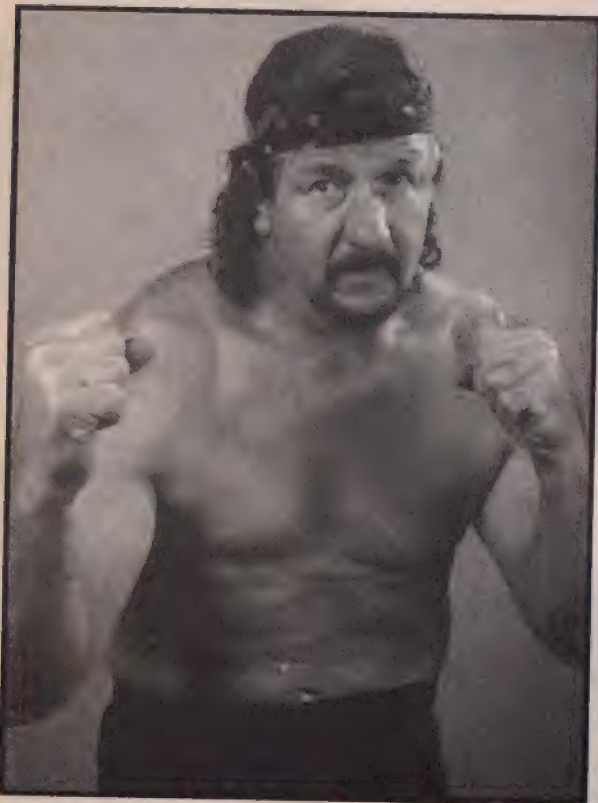


TERRY FUNK

Terry Funk is one of the toughest men alive ... One of the craziest, too ... When he picks his teeth, still comes up with little chunks of Sabu's skin ... Should be either Bunkhouse Buck or Dick Slater in the Bunkhouse Buck and Dick Slater tag team, but isn't ... During an exceptional career, has taken on and beaten nearly every top star in the sport ... Not only has he wrestled nearly every top star, he's wrestled nearly every bottom and mid-level star in nearly every federation in nearly every arena in the world ... If you're a wrestling fan and you've never seen Terry Funk live, you're not really a wrestling fan ... ECW battles with Sabu

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 247
YEARS PRO: 30
PWI CENTERFOLD: WINTER 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 70
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 33
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 45
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 98
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 22

are still considered classics, as are his WCW battles with Ric Flair ... Fans in the United States can't imagine the magnitude of his celebrity in Japan ... Although people say he's mean, the truth is that Funk has an incredible competitive instinct ... He needs to win—and is willing to die trying ... Started his wrestling career in 1965 ... As a point of reference, that was two years before Super Bowl I ... The NHL had six teams ... Michael Jordan hadn't started nursery school ... And Hulk Hogan was strumming on his first play guitar ... Although Funk's days as a major singles champion are over, Slater's success in WCW leads us to believe that Funk can still win a major tag team title ... The problem is that he keeps bouncing from federation to federation ... Has hinted at retirement several times over the past year ... Tired and aching bones insist that there's a good chance he won't be active for much of 1996.

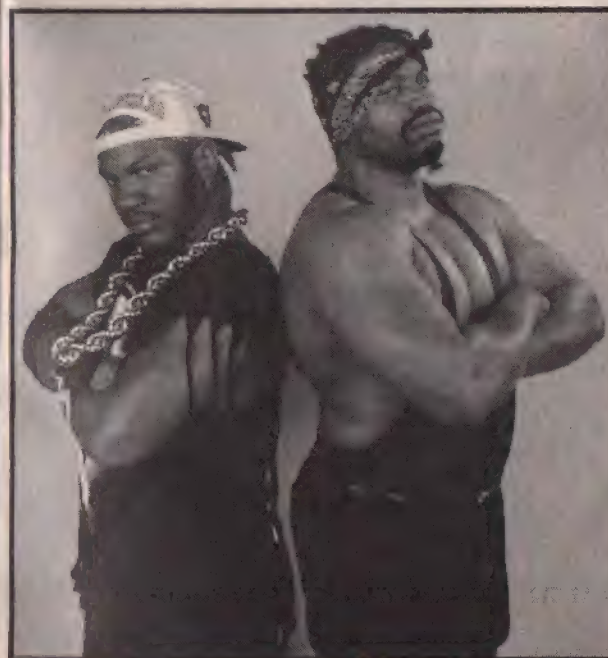


THE GANGSTAS

HEIGHT: MUSTAFA SAED—6'1"; NEW JACK—6'
WEIGHT: MUSTAFA SAED—244; NEW JACK—225
YEARS PRO: MUSTAFA SAED—4; NEW JACK—4
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: MUSTAFA SAED—136; NEW JACK—126
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: MUSTAFA SAED—UNRANKED; NEW JACK—360
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: MUSTAFA SAED—UNRANKED; NEW JACK—198
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: MUSTAFA SAED—UNRANKED; NEW JACK—UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: MUSTAFA SAED—UNRANKED; NEW JACK—UNRANKED

The Gangstas—Mustafa Saed and New Jack—are one of the most controversial and toughest tag teams in the world ... Recently feuded with Public Enemy in a series of matches that lent credence to the warning, "Kids, don't try this at home!" ... Have something in common with many other wrestlers in that they hate Jim Cornette more than any man in the world ... The Gangstas are yet another of the '90s era of teams that grew up on the mean streets of the inner-cities ... Rely very heavily on street-smarts and brawling tactics ... No, they're not from the Lou Thesz school ... Saed is big and strong ... New Jack is mean and dangerous ... Actually, you can switch the names in those two statements if

you want, too ... Neither of them are very bright, though ... They're consumed by hatred and prejudice and have become infamous for their racist comments ... Recommendation to the tag team hopefuls of the world: If you decide to go by the nickname Fuhrman & Van Atter or The L.A.P.D., make sure you don't wrestle The Gangstas ... Considering their attitude and comments, we can't see either of the big two federations taking a chance on them ... Nor do we see The Gangstas caring about that ... Discussing their future is ridiculous, because the only thing Saed and Jack care about is kicking butt ... The Gangstas will continue to make their mark in the independent federations.



HAKUSHI

Just what do those tattoos all over his body say, anyway? ... No, wait, it's the end of the match. Look—they're really cockamamies! ... Hakushi made his WWF debut under rather unusual circumstances ... Last year, Jerry Lawler accused Bret Hart of being a racist and hating all Japanese people ... When members of the Japanese press presented Hart with an award (no, not for hating Japanese people), Hakushi came out and attacked Lawler ... Kind of Hakushi's way of saying, "Bret, we're not buying this 'we're all human beings' garbage" ... Managed by Shinja, Hakushi was pinned by Hart

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 231
YEARS PRO: 5
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 48
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
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1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

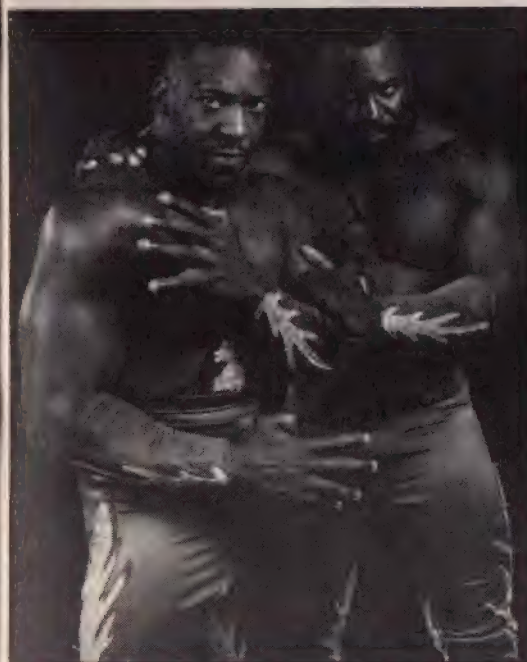


at the May 14, 1995, In Your House ... Hakushi dominated early in the match and injured Hart's left leg; Shinja interfered, but it wasn't enough ... Makes you wonder what Hakushi's made of ... Later in the card, Hakushi's interference cost Hart his match against Jerry Lawler ... Pinned The Kid at SummerSlam '95 ... Now follow the bouncing ball: Wrestles Bret Hart at one PPV, wrestles The Kid at the next ... That's not what we call career progress ... Didn't wrestle at the next In Your House ... Ditto ... Has now formed an alliance with Barry Horowitz and is helping Horowitz battle Skip ... Indications, however, are that Hakushi has far more talent than that and merely needs the proper guidance ... Or maybe to just be left alone ... Although not as reckless as Sabu or as big as Yokozuna, Hakushi has enough overall skill to be a threat in the WWF and maybe contend for the Intercontinental title ... Losing to Bret Hart in his first try was no disgrace.

HARLEM HEAT

HEIGHT: BOOKER T—5'11"; STEVIE RAY—6'1"
WEIGHT: BOOKER T—250; STEVIE RAY—265
YEARS PRO: BOOKER T—7; STEVIE RAY—7
PWI CENTERFOLD: OCTOBER 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: BOOKER T—89; STEVIE RAY—119
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: BOOKER T—260; STEVIE RAY—224
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: BOOKER T—182; STEVIE RAY—202
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: BOOKER T—UNRANKED; STEVIE RAY—220
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: BOOKER T—UNRANKED; STEVIE RAY—226

Booker T and Stevie Ray hail from Harlem, New York; not a neighborhood that produces pampered weaklings ... Managed by Sister Sherri, formerly Scary Sherri, formerly Sensational Sherri, formerly Sherri Martel ... Sherri's in love with Col. Robert Parker and the Heat don't like it, mostly because Parker manages Bunkhouse Buck and Dick Slater ... This love triangle (although we're not exactly sure where the other point of the triangle lies) could get Harlem Heat in trouble if Sherri slips secrets to her new lover or runs off and hides with the Colonel ... Wouldn't you know it: With Sherri distracted, Harlem Heat wasted no time losing the WCW World tag team title to Marcus Alexander Bagwell and Scotty Riggs ...



Sure, they won the belts back, but they had no business losing in the first place ... For a while there, it looked like the WCW tag picture was improving: Harlem Heat had rounded into top form, and The Nastys Boys were as nasty as ever; even Slater and Buck looked good, too ... Perhaps it's time for Harlem Heat to dump Sherri and find themselves a new manager ... Our choice: Paula Barbieri ... Although in most cases tag teams fare better with a manager than without one, Harlem Heat could be an exception ... Booker T and Stevie Ray made it on their own by fighting for survival in the mean streets of uptown Manhattan ... They've done everything on their own and never asked for favors ... They're at the point where they don't need any breaks ... The Martel situation is an unnecessary distraction ... If the Steiners come to WCW, the tag team battle will get even hotter. Harlem Heat must be ready for the war.

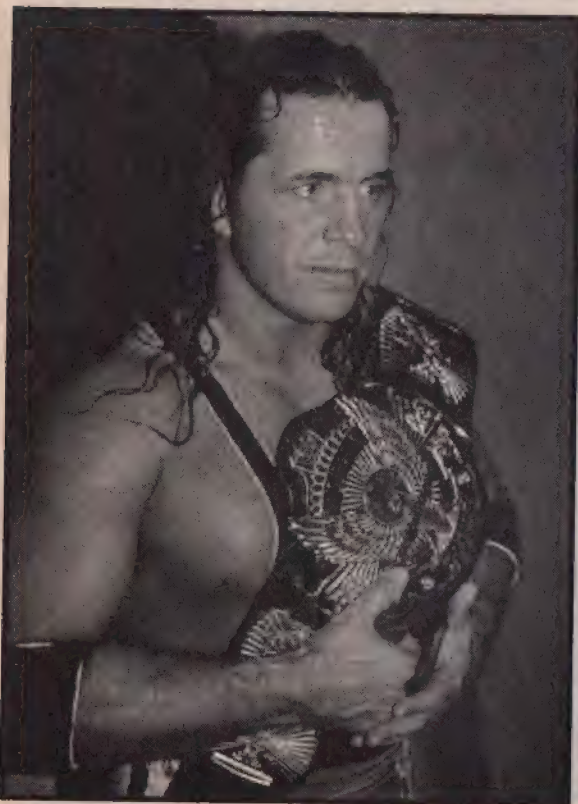
BRET HART

"Three-time WWF World champion" sounds pretty good, Bret! ... That was quite a match at Survivor Series '95 ... Showed a lot more guts and determination than we've seen in quite a while ... Does this mean that Owen will come sniffing around now looking for title shots? ... Here we go again! ... Hart was, until recently, spending his nights wrestling the likes of Jerry Lawler and Jean-Pierre Lafitte ... Oh no:

Does this mean Lawler thinks Hart will be his avenue to the World title? ... Would've thought Lawler learned his lesson the last time, when he had to suck on Hart's feet ... *Yecch!* ... Then Lawler was forced

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 235
YEARS PRO: 20
PWI CENTERFOLD: DECEMBER 1993
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 4
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 1
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 1
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 5
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 21

to suck on his own feet ... The fact that Hart was taken to the limit by Lafitte at the September 24 In Your House pay-per-view suggests to us that "The Hitman" was a little off his best game in '95 ... That's what happens when you go seven months without fighting for the World title ... Got it back quickly enough in November, though ... Signature move, the "sharpshooter," remains one of the most effective finishing moves in the sport ... Using an exposed turnbuckle with the padding removed was pretty effective, too ... Right, Diesel? ... At press time, the questions remain: Did Bret pay too high a price to win back the belt? ... Is the knee injury he suffered at the hands of Diesel at Survivor Series more serious than we're led to believe? ... Did that crash through the announcers' table leave any lasting effects or injuries? ... Bret is not entering his third reign at 100 percent ... Will have to grit his teeth and get down to work if he's to hold the belt for very long.



OWEN HART

Owen Hart is Bret Hart's brother, but don't remind him ... He's also Stu and Helen Hart's youngest son ... Don't remind them ... Is badly in need of an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner ... You see, there was this problem last Thanksgiving and the one before that, so when Stu Hart goes out hunting for turkey, he's looking for one that's about a pound smaller than what he usually gets ... Friends and family are

nice, but they don't seem to be the highest priorities on Owen's list ... The calling circle on his long-distance account is more like a dot ... Five years ago, Owen looked like a sure thing to break through as

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 227
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: OCTOBER 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 12
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 10
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 37
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 44
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

one of the top scientific and aerial wrestlers in the world ... Then the WWF put him under a mask as The Blue Blazer and it's been downhill since then ... Most recently, Yokozuna sat on Owen Hart ... *Ouch!* ... It hurt even worse a week earlier when he and Yokozuna lost the WWF World tag belts to Shawn Michaels and Diesel in the process ... One day later, WWF President Gorilla Monsoon returned the belts to Hart and Yokozuna, who promptly lost them to The Smokin' Gunns ... Perhaps it's time for somebody to remind Owen that he's a former King of the Ring who's best suited for singles wrestling ... Even if Owen can't put aside his bad feelings toward Bret, perhaps he can forget about Bret and get on with his wrestling career ... Or maybe not, now that Bret's champ again ... We've already seen that Owen can't beat Bret, but maybe he can win the I-C title and do something with his life ... A phone call to Mom and Dad wouldn't hurt, either.



HEAVENLY BODIES

HEIGHT: TOM PRICHARD—5'10"; JIM DEL RAY—5'11"

WEIGHT: TOM PRICHARD—220; JIM DEL RAY—225

YEARS PRO: TOM PRICHARD—18; JIM DEL RAY—6

PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: TOM PRICHARD—83; JIM DEL RAY—77

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: TOM PRICHARD—49; JIM DEL RAY—47

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: TOM PRICHARD—54; JIM DEL RAY—86

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: TOM PRICHARD—64; JIM DEL RAY—362

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: TOM PRICHARD—118; JIM DEL RAY—UNRANKED

Heavenly Bodies Tom Prichard and Jim Del Ray were the first non-WWF team to wrestle on a WWF pay-per-view ... They regained the Smoky Mountain tag team belts from The Rock 'n' Roll Express at the 1993 Survivor Series ... Failed in several attempts to win the WWF World tag team title ... Also failed to keep manager Jim Cornette's attention ... As this is written, their future is unclear now that SMW has folded ... One would have to assume a return to the WWF is very possible ... Why now? The WWF is the home of The Smokin' Gunns. It'll take any body ... Then again, WCW is pretty busy scarfing up talent these days ... The Heavenly Bodies

are the classic combination of outstanding scientific wrestler (Prichard) and solid brawler (Del Ray) ... This combination hasn't been as effective as one might expect, although the Bodies have been an efficient, though overworked, tag team ... In reality, the Bodies remain among the most promising tag teams in North America and should be able to take a run at a world title ... Maybe they need some convincing ... And where does Jim Cornette fit into their futures? ... Or does he at all? ... Problem with Cornette is that he was always comparing them to The Midnight Express ... Jimbo spends too much time living in the past ... Now he's forced to think about his future ... So are Prichard and Del Ray ... A talented duo, they're sure to rebound from SMW's demise and land on their feet somewhere.

HULK HOGAN

You know this guy, right? ... Okay, now we'll tell you what you don't know ... Has been spending a lot of time recently shopping for a new motorcycle and very big wheels ... Feuded with The Giant without asking for a birth certificate or the genealogical chart that Lord Steven Regal surely would have provided if he was asked ... Keeps discovering that history does, indeed, repeat itself ... Repeat after us: Megapowers

Megafeud '95 ... Movie career can be found on the bottom racks of video stores and late night on Showtime ... TV career can be found on *Thunder In Paradise* on TNT—just before WCW Monday Nitro, coincidentally ... Nat! ...

Undoubtedly the most famous and popular wrestler in history ... Don't believe what he says about taking vitamins, eating right, and working out if you don't want ... But believe this: Hogan looks pretty good for a guy who has been getting beaten up for 18 years ... Biggest knock against him has always been that he doesn't wrestle enough; in WCW, he has gone long stretches—far more than the allowed 30 days—without defending the World title ... Federations will always be lenient with him because they're so grateful to have him around ... Able to fill small and tall buildings with a single appearance ... Has almost singlehandedly changed the image of WCW from also-ran to leader of the pack ... But Hogan's a comer and goer, and he's been in WCW for over a year-and-a-half ... It's only a matter of time before Hogan gets the itch and moves on to another product ... Like salami and eggs, however, the "Hulkster" never completely goes away.

HEIGHT: 6'8"

WEIGHT: 275

YEARS PRO: 18

PWI CENTERFOLD: NOVEMBER 1995

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 6

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 2

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 17

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 12

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 1



JEFF JARRETT

Imagine: A young country music singer has spent his entire life working the businessman's circuit ... Holiday Inn lounges and roadside bars ... Finally, he gets his big break: The Grand Ole Opry comes calling ... The young man hits it big ... He proves he's worthy of standing on stage with the finest country music singers in the world ... But then, one night at the Opry, the young man wants to prove to everyone that not only is he a great singer, he's a great wrestler, too ... Ludicrous, right? ... Well, turn the story around and you have Jeff Jarrett, the man who spent 10 years wrestling in independent federations,

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 230
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: JANUARY 1993
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 11
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 35
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 22
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 26
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 28

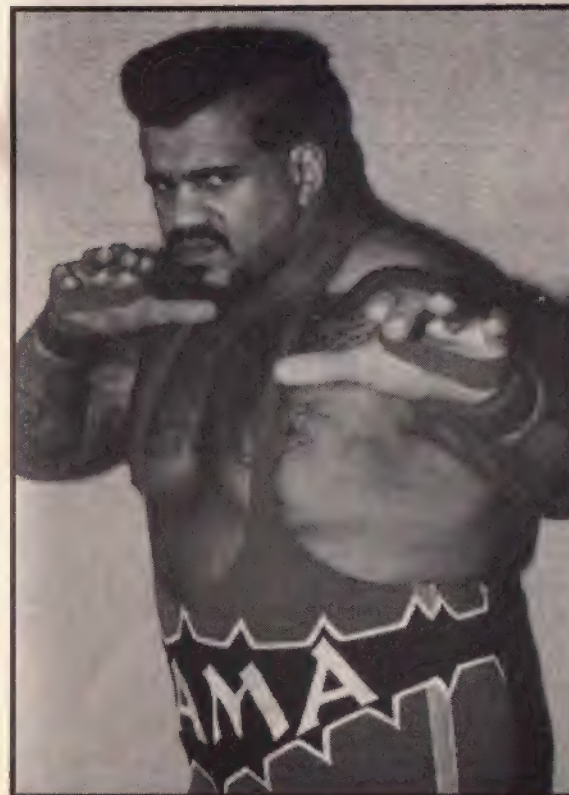
then insisted on being a singer when he finally got his big break in the WWF ... Jerry Jarrett's son made a bad decision when he didn't hold his tongue about supposed "production details" at the July 23, 1995, In Your House pay-per-view in Nashville, Tennessee ... Whether or not he can sing, Jarrett is a talented wrestler with outstanding scientific skills and great stamina ... It always seemed as if only his size could keep him from getting his big break ... Then Jarrett developed a little attitude and his size didn't matter so much anymore ... Nonetheless, he has gained the attention of the major federations and figures to be back in the WWF or signed by WCW in no time ... The problem is that the wrestling world doesn't have much trouble forgetting somebody like Jeff Jarrett ... Hulk Hogan, Lex Luger, and The Ultimate Warrior they remember ... Maybe next time he'll leave the guitar at home ... Or maybe he'll sign with WCW and form a duo with Johnny B. Badd.



KAMA

Kama, Kama, Kama, Kama, Kama Kameleon. He comes and goes. He comes and goes ... After a feud with The Undertaker, Kama was nearly gone ... Is the only wrestler in history named after a punctuation mark ... At least he didn't spell it C-O-M-M-A; then his name would have been silly ... Still managed by Ted DiBiase, though there were rumors that Paul Bearer was interested in him—until Undertaker destroyed him a few dozen times ... Outstanding martial artist has discovered, much to his dismay, that all of the karate chops in the world don't work on a dead man ... Thanks to

HEIGHT: 6'6"
WEIGHT: 340
YEARS PRO: 6
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 65
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED



Undertaker, Kama is far too familiar with what the inside of a casket looks like ... Like most people, Kama firmly believes that a person should never actually see the inside of a casket ... Just because Kama can't beat Undertaker doesn't mean he has no chance in the WWF ... If he waits a while, Undertaker will go on another one of his long vacations to Death Valley, and Kama can unleash his considerable skills on other federation stars ... Kama's biggest obstacle isn't really Undertaker, it's Ted DiBiase ... For the longest time, DiBiase refused to pit Kama against anybody but Undertaker ... Can you say "Fight your own battles, Mr. 'Million-Dollar Man'"? ... Best move for Kama would be to go without a manager and try to sign his own matches ... Nothing positive can result from the Undertaker feud ... Can go one of two ways in '96: Languish among the mid-carders, or break out in a big way ... Which way he goes is all up to him and his killer instinct.

THE 1-2-3 KID

The 1-2-3 Kid looks like he might be one of those people who calls the offices of London Publishing every day and asks, "How do I become a pro wrestler?" ... As Steve Martin said in his skit, "How to be a millionaire and never pay taxes"—first you need a million dollars ... In the 1-2-3 Kid's case, first you need superb athleticism, even if it's contained within a smaller-than-usual wrestling body ... Then you need somebody to notice you and realize that even though you're not very big, you have the talent to make it in the big time ... Finally, you need a promoter who realizes that your size can make you a hero and role model to the 99

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 212
YEARS PRO: 6
PWI CENTERFOLD: APRIL 1996
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 29
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 22
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 34
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 75
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 253

percent of the population that isn't as big as pro wrestlers ... All this is about as easy as being a millionaire and never paying taxes ... First perceived as a joke, the Kid legitimized himself when he pinned Razor Ramon in 1993 ... Since then, the Kid's life has revolved around Ramon ... Enemies ... Friends ... Enemies ... Friends again ... What's next? ... You figure it out ... What would the Kid do if Ramon ever left the federation? ... Follow him, probably ... Although the Kid has wrestled just about every top star in the WWF, his wins have been few and far between, though celebrated ... People are still shocked when he wins ... Heck, he's still shocked when he wins! ... But the idea of him contending for a major title in the WWF is absolutely ludicrous ... The Kid rarely wins when a top opponent takes him seriously ... Could be a World tag champ, though ... Hmmmmmmmm.



BUDDY LANDELL

In the all-time ratings of "Nature Boys," Buddy Landell ranks number three, behind Ric Flair and Buddy Rogers, but ahead of Austin Steele ... Has spent most of his career in the Carolinas and Tennessee ... Capable scientific wrestler and a decent brawler ... Packs a fairly good-sized chip on his shoulder ... Was involved in USWA-SMW wars ... Spent most of his 1995 in Smoky Mountain ... Where will he spend most of his 1996? ... Was among the top contenders to Brad

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 236
YEARS PRO: 17
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 72
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 382
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 336
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 163
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 184

Armstrong's heavyweight title ... Also feuded with Tommy Rich ... Landell and Rich were tag

team partners in the USWA ... Actually, a lot of guys in wrestling can say they're a former tag team partner of Landell's ... Landell is such a solid and consistent competitor that he's probably capable of winning the major title in any independent federation ... Will probably be forced to test that theory in the months to come ... Took Brad Armstrong to the limit in a best-of-three-falls match ... At his age, Landell is probably better suited to one-fall matches in which stamina isn't a major concern ... Equally effective in tag team and singles matches ... Landell goes into each year knowing that although there are new feuds on his horizon, there won't be any drastic changes to his career ... Had settled into a comfortable career routine in Smoky Mountain, but will have to seriously rethink his future ... Can remain a top independent star for the rest of this decade—if he so desires.



JERRY LAWLER

Jerry "The King" Lawler, the pride of Memphis, Tennessee, has won the Mid-Southern and USWA heavyweight titles more times than we care to count ... You can turn to the section beginning on page 124 and add up the reigns yourself! ... Somehow has managed to remain a fan favorite in the USWA while becoming one of the most hated men in the WWF ... Sort of a Yankees-Southerners feud ... Lawler is a former AWA

World champion ... He's the guy who decided to defend that belt in every federation against every champion ... Has wrestled and defeated just about every top star in the world, including Ric Flair, Hulk

Hogan, and Randy Savage ... In the WWF, Lawler sits behind the broadcast table with Vince McMahon and belittles fan favorites ... Lawler's the perfect counterpart to the fan favorite-loving McMahon ... Occasionally says the wrong things and draws himself into feuds, like his current one with Bret Hart ... Lawler has this habit of belittling Hart's family ... Hart has this habit of getting revenge ... Last year, Lawler lost a match and had to suck on Hart's toes ... Then he sucked on his own feet, which hadn't been washed in a week ... In the coming year, we see Lawler washing his feet much more often ... Especially when he has a match with Hart coming up ... Lawler would rather wrestle in the USWA and talk in the WWF, and that's the way it's mostly going to stay ... You see, Lawler has finally hit on the perfect career combination and he's making big money ... Probably will win another 30 or 40 USWA titles before he's through ... If he's ever through.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 234
YEARS PRO: 26
PWI CENTERFOLD: JANUARY 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 22
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 16
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 14
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 7
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 12



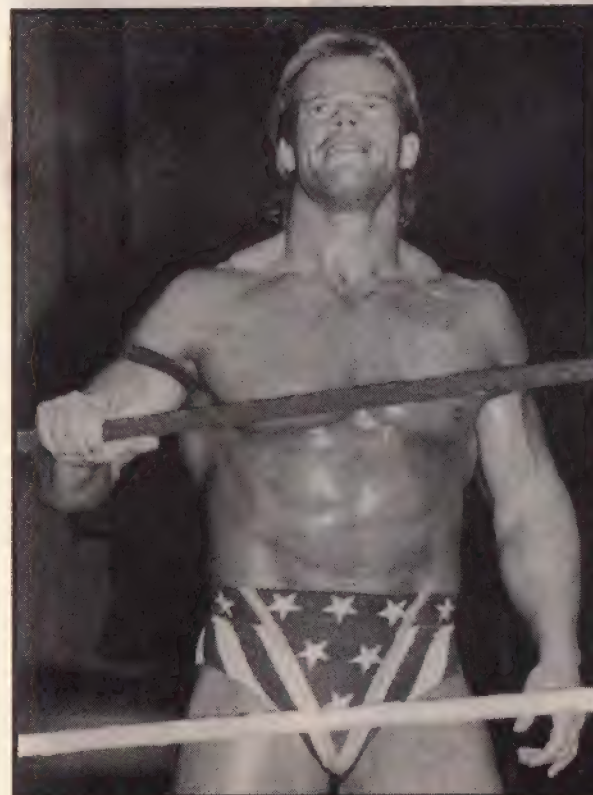
LEX LUGER

Ten years ago, Lex Luger was billed as wrestling's next superstar ... And nine years ago ... And eight years ago ... And—well, you remember how it all went, don't you? ... Count 'em. He's won exactly two World titles, both in WCW ... Never won the WWF World title ... Blame that on poor self-management ... By contract, never received the number of shots a man of his talents deserved ... These days, he's trying for the

World title in WCW, where it all began, where he is today ... Actually, Luger started his career in Florida and quickly moved on the heart of the NWA ... The first bad career move was trusting J.J. Dillon ... The

HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 265
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: OCTOBER 1991
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 23
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 17
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 7
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 2

biggest bad career move, though, was leaving WCW and joining Vince McMahon's World Bodybuilding Federation ... Made a great career move by returning to WCW at a time when the federation was desperate for WCW Monday Nitro ratings ... Luger's "torture rack" backbreaker is one of the most painful submission holds in wrestling ... Was able to put Hulk Hogan into the rack upon WCW return, but the match had to be stopped when Kevin Sullivan and company rushed the ring ... Allowed himself to be drawn into a feud with Randy Savage ... Once again, Luger has been caught in the trap of wrestling the wrong people for the wrong reasons ... If Luger's life goes according to past performances, he'll spend too much time with Savage ... And maybe Sting, too ... Finally, when he does get his shots at the World title, he'll be too worn out to do anything about it ... Or will he?



MABEL

Mabel says he weighs 503 pounds, and we don't doubt it for a minute ... He and his best friend, Mo, form the tag team Men On A Mission, but these days, Mabel has been concentrating more on singles competition ... Won the 1995 King of the Ring tournament by defeating Savio Vega in the final round ... Since then, Mabel's career has taken off ... Let's put the idea of Mabel

HEIGHT: 6'10"
WEIGHT: 503
YEARS PRO: 5
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 49
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 88
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 290
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

taking off in perspective: We always wondered how those big 747s ever got off the ground ... Watch out, big man. You're on the verge of falling heavily under the influence of Jim Cornette ... But in less than

one year, Mabel has gone from overweight curiosity to overweight top challenger to the WWF World title ... Lost to Diesel at SummerSlam '95 ... With Davey Boy Smith, Shawn Michaels, The Undertaker, and others ahead of him on the contenders line, we don't see Mabel getting too many more title shots in the near future ... Then again, Mabel is the type of wrestler who has a habit of "falling" into things and could very possibly "fall" into the WWF World championship merely by "falling" on top of the champion at the right time ... Most devastating moves are executed at McDonald's and Burger King, where Mabel adds to his already impressive girth ... According to insiders, two more Whoppers and he might have beaten Diesel in that SummerSlam bout ... Wrestling history tells us that big men usually don't take prolonged runs at world titles and either get lucky the first time (see Otto Wanz) or never get lucky at all ... Tag teams—they're for you, big man!

WAYLON MERCY

Hmmmmmm ... Something reminds us of Robert DeNiro in Cape Fear ... Or was it Robert Mitchum? ... Waylon Mercy's career is in a bit of trouble after losing to Savio Vega at In Your House III on September 24, 1995 ... Not that losing to Vega is a bad thing, because Vega is a good wrestler, but it's a bad thing if you plan on doing anything with your career ... Anything involving a world

title, that is ... Let's face it, Vega isn't Diesel or Shawn Michaels ... Speaking of Diesel, "Big Daddy Cool" has put Mercy on ice, too ... We're not sure what Diesel was doing defending his World heavyweight

HEIGHT: 6'8"
WEIGHT: 300
YEARS PRO: 13
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 80
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

championship against Mercy ...

And people complained about Jean-Pierre Lafitte getting a title shot! ... Diesel squashing him is what we'd call a Mercy killing ...

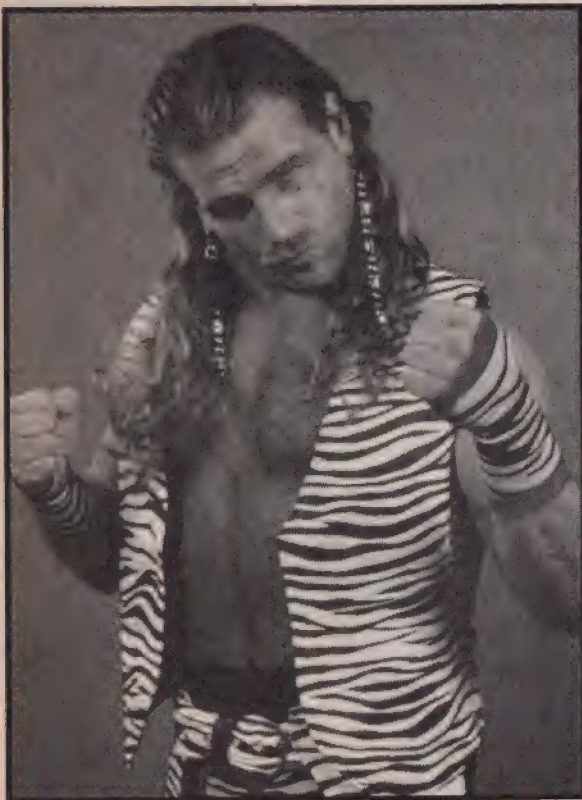
We've spent a lot of time trying to find people who benefited most from the exodus of top WWF talent to WCW (Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Lex Luger, etc.) and came up with Mercy: If not for the exodus, Mercy would still be wrestling independents ... Has about as much chance of winning a major title as the New York Jets have of winning the Super Bowl ... No offense to Jets fans, of course ... Must be doing something right, because the WWF keeps matching him against top opponents ... Has also lost to Fatu and battled him to double-disqualifications ... Come on, now: Can you honestly see any truly great WWF wrestler going down to his sleeper? ... If Mercy plays his cards right, he can rise to solid middle-of-the-card status and make a pretty good living ... But if he doesn't, 1996 could be a very rough year.



SHAWN MICHAELS

"The Heartbreak Kid" was the reigning WWF Intercontinental champion—until a posse of 10 thugs beat him up outside an upstate New York nightclub ... Was forced to relinquish the belt due to injuries sustained in that attack ... Had it been just six or seven, he probably would have gotten the better of them all ... May be the best all-around wrestler in the WWF ... Or the world ... Spends too much time standing in front of a mirror and adoring his adorable self, though ... Used to be called the "Boy Toy" ... Go on, you figure it out ... The music he came out to went, "He's just a boy toy/He's just a sexy boy"

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 234
YEARS PRO: 13
PWI CENTERFOLD: FEBRUARY 1996
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 2
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 5
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 3
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 16
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 37



... "Boy toy?" Doesn't that mean he's a toy for a boy? ... Next subject ... First gained fame in the mid-1980s when he teamed with Marty Jannetty as The Midnight Rockers ... The Rockers won the AWA World tag team title and later moved together to the WWF ... Michaels has won the WWF World tag team title with two partners: Jannetty and Diesel ... Brought in Diesel as his bodyguard in mid-1994, then watched in shock as Diesel won the Intercontinental and World titles ... That just about did it for their friendship ... They finally got back together after WrestleMania XI, where Diesel defeated Michaels ... Sid Vicious attacked Michaels and Diesel came to his rescue ... Michaels was happy, even though Diesel's move (befriending or re-befriending a person seen as a threat to your title) was a little Hoganesque ... Michaels as WWF World champion is a distinct possibility in 1996 ... If his medical problems are taken care of, of course.

THE NASTY BOYS

HEIGHT: JERRY SAGS—6'3"; BRIAN KNOBS—6'1"
WEIGHT: JERRY SAGS—290; BRIAN KNOBS—295
YEARS PRO: JERRY SAGS—11; BRIAN KNOBS—11
PWI CENTERFOLD: APRIL 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: JERRY SAGS—104; BRIAN KNOBS—96
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: JERRY SAGS—52; BRIAN KNOBS—66
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: JERRY SAGS—76; BRIAN KNOBS—70
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: JERRY SAGS—104; BRIAN KNOBS—67
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: JERRY SAGS—189; BRIAN KNOBS—166

Nasty Boys Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs are, indeed, nasty boys ... Grew up together on the mean streets of Allentown, Pennsylvania ... Yeah, "mean" might not be the word you'd use to describe Allentown, which doesn't sound nearly as imposing as Harlem or South Central Los Angeles, but have you ever been in Allentown or know of it from anything but an old Billy Joel song? ... Whether or not the streets of Allentown are mean, they certainly turned Sags and Knobs into one of the meanest and toughest tag teams in the world ... Are top contenders to the WCW World tag team title ... Brawling tag team is one of those duos that will take four or five punches in order to land one good one ... Sags and

Knobs never planned on entering a beauty contest ... Former WCW World tag title holders are odds-on favorites to regain their belts at some point this year ... One of only a few teams to capture both the WWF and WCW World tag team titles ... Specialize in falls-count-anywhere matches ... Or any match in which the rules are suspended ... Hate rules ... The WCW tag team picture has turned into a foursome with The Nasty Boys, Harlem Heat, The Blue Bloods, and Marcus Alexander Bagwell & Scotty Riggs at different corners of the federation ring ... Survival of the fittest could be the rule ... The Nasty Boys cause damage to nasal passages when they rub their armpits against opponents' faces ... Nobody ever said these were the kind of guys you wanted to invite to your wedding.



DALLAS PAGE

"Diamond" Dallas Page has the women, the attitude, and—let's be honest now—the ability ... The only thing he doesn't have are the breaks from the WCW matchmakers ... Might be the only man in the world who could lose a woman to Dave Sullivan ... And we're talking about a beautiful, healthy woman ... Has been both manager and wrestler during his multifaceted career ... Favorite finisher is a "diamond cutter" DDT, which is a pretty good move ... What's with the obsession with the word "diamond" anyway? ... Is just as good at arm-wrestling as he is at regular wrestling, especially when Max Musde is around to provide him with leverage ... Leverage is extremely important in arm-wrestling, you know ... Unfortunately for Page, there's no such thing as the WCW World arm-wrestling championship, so he should keep on brushing up on the mat skills ... Especially if he's gonna battle Johnny B. Badd ... It's hard to imagine him making any kind of a run at the WCW's top dogs ... WCW World champion Dallas Page? No, probably not ... Scored a shocker when he defeated The Renegade for the WCW TV title ... Then again, examine the facts: Renegade has no clue about how to throw even a basic dropkick, and Max Musde was holding Renegade's leg during the pin ... The best thing Page has going for him is confidence and a total lack of fear ... Page goes into the ring thinking there's no way he's going to lose ... He might be the only person in the building who thinks that way, but that kind of attitude can't hurt ... And, in the year to come, it could net him the TV title once again ... This time for keeps?

HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 260
YEARS PRO: 5
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 111
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 270
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

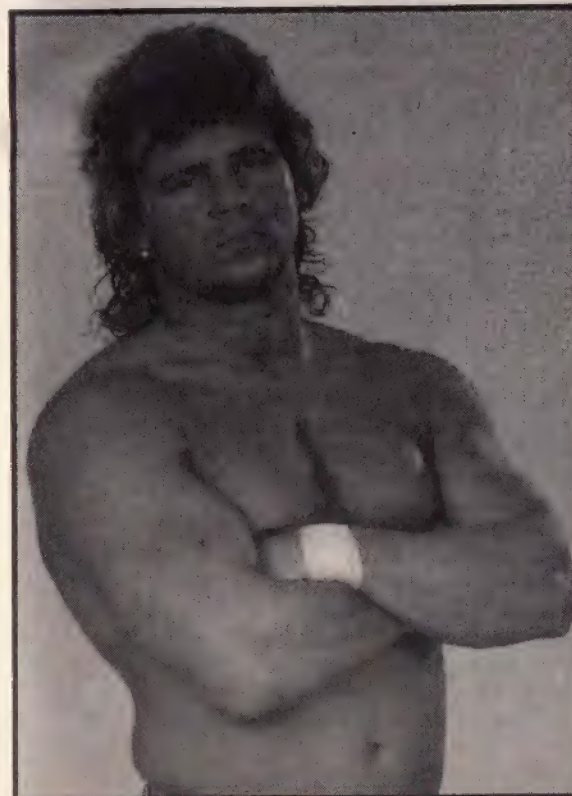


BRIAN PILLMAN

"Flyin'" Brian Pillman is one of the most spectacular aerial artists in the sport ... Used to play football for the Cincinnati Bengals; they could probably still use him ... Former co-holder of the WCW World tag team title with Steve Austin ... Team suffered from some infighting ... Hollywood Blonds could have been an all-time duo; instead, they're remembered more for potential than for accomplishments ... Has

chosen the fastest route to rebuilding his stalled career: He attacked Ric Flair at Fall Brawl '95, kneeing him in the back of the head ... That led to victory for Arn Anderson ... A few weeks later at WCW

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 226
YEARS PRO: 9
PWI CENTERFOLD: JULY 1991
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 61
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 54
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 18
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 32
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 44



Monday Nitro, Pillman interfered in the Flair-Anderson cage match ... Of course, as we've since learned, it was all an elaborate audition for Pillman to become a Horseman ... See our profile on Arn Anderson for further reference ... Although Pillman performs best with a quick teammate who can work with him on combination moves, he has proven to be a very capable singles wrestler ... Pillman's one of those guys who never makes any career progress, because he seems to always be going sideways ... At least he's not going backward ... (Then again, anyone else remember The Yellow Dog?) ... Another problem is his attitude. We're not sure Pillman's cut out to be a rulebreaker. He's too handsome and soft-spoken. When he gets mad, we just want to laugh ... Then again, if one aerial maneuver is worth a thousand scowls ... Killer instinct on interviews is one thing; killer instinct in the ring is something else, again, and Pillman has it—in spades.

PUBLIC ENEMY

HEIGHT: ROCCO ROCK—6'2"; JOHNNY GRUNGE—6'3"

WEIGHT: ROCCO ROCK—251; JOHNNY GRUNGE—263

YEARS PRO: ROCCO ROCK—18; JOHNNY GRUNGE—9

PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: ROCCO ROCK—90; JOHNNY GRUNGE—94

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: ROCCO ROCK—207; JOHNNY GRUNGE—209

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: ROCCO ROCK—UNRANKED;

JOHNNY GRUNGE—UNRANKED

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: ROCCO ROCK—285; JOHNNY GRUNGE—UNRANKED

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: ROCCO ROCK—206; JOHNNY GRUNGE—UNRANKED

If they're not either dead or bleeding to death by the time this appears, Rocco Rock and Johnny Grunge will continue to be among the most exciting and brutally violent tag teams in the world ... Foreign objects abound in their matches, with ironing boards, frying pans, cheese graters, water coolers, and tables all finding their way into the mix ... Throw in a few miracle mops, a miracle defroster, and a bamboo steamer or two, and ECW shows could become infomercials ... Have wrestled together for roughly three years ... Are former ECW tag team champions ... Although mostly a brawling team, both have several high-risk maneuvers in their repertoires ... Grunge enjoys performing moonsaults onto wooden tables ... Although Rock and Grunge have been successful so far, continued success will mean getting

away from their long-running feud with The Gangstas and moving on to other teams or federations ... Public Enemy is the perfect ECW-type tag team, but we have the feeling they can succeed at a higher level ... Look how well The Nasty Boys have done ... Perhaps Public Enemy can move to WCW ... Imagine a Nastys-PE series! ... Would be a perfect bout for WCW Uncensored ... If WCW Uncensored wasn't really censored, that is ... No, we're not sorry to see that PPV concept die, either ... Were voted the team most likely to crack their heads open on a refrigerator door ... Reportedly being wooed by both WCW and the WWF ... Lost a title match against WWF World tag champs, The Smokin' Gunns, at Survivor Series in a match not televised.



RAZOR RAMON

"Bad Guy" Razor Ramon walks around with a toothpick hanging out of his mouth and actually manages to find women who like that sort of thing ... Coming off a brief feud with his friend The Kid ... Feuding with Kid is no way to send a career into orbit ... Is currently in his fourth reign as WWF Intercontinental champion ... Got his start in the AWA as Scott Hall ... Changed his moniker to The Diamond Studd

when he signed with the WCW, and then Razor Ramon when he jumped to the WWF ... Isn't it strange that a man named Razor never comes to the ring clean-shaven? ... Gained a killer instinct he never had

HEIGHT: 6'8"

WEIGHT: 290

YEARS PRO: 11

PWI CENTERFOLD: JANUARY 1995

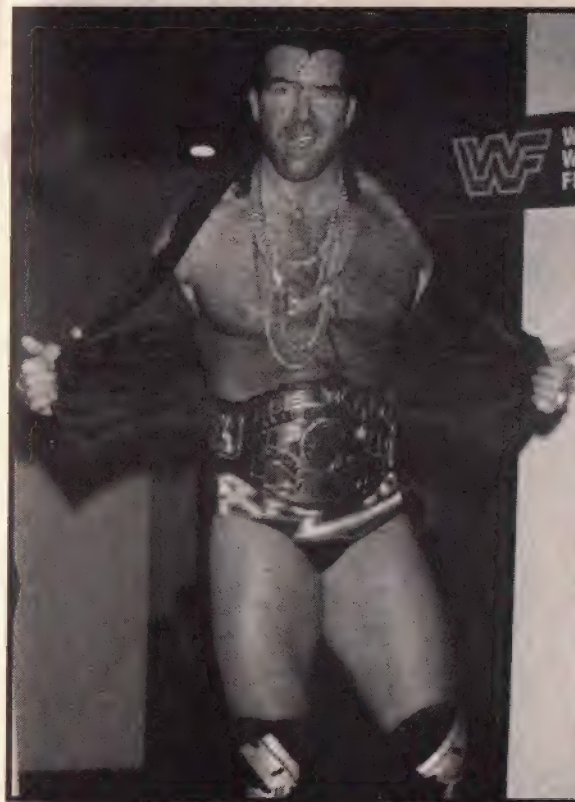
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 9

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 7

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 87

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 53

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 76



before, but kept falling short of winning major titles ... Won the IC belt in 1993 when Shawn Michaels was stripped of the title and later defeated Michaels in the best match of his life, a ladder match at WrestleMania X ... Lost the belt to Diesel and got it back again at SummerSlam '94 ... Lost to Michaels in another classic ladder match at SummerSlam '95 ... A ladder provides the perfect symbolism for Ramon's career: It keeps going up and down ... His goal of winning the WWF World title seems unrealistic right now ... Then again, any idea of a self-proclaimed "Bad Guy" being a good guy seemed unrealistic, too ... Isn't the trusting sort ... Favorite move is the "Razor's edge" power bomb ... Great move, but it wouldn't be a bad idea for him to learn a few more ... Perhaps the smartest thing Ramon does is not wrestle with the toothpick in his mouth. Ouch! ... Still has plenty of career potential ... There's that "P" word again!

LORD STEVEN REGAL

Lord Steven Regal is a native of Blackpool, England ... Two-time former WCW TV champion traces his heritage back to British royalty ... Considering all the scandals that have plagued England's Royal Family of late, is that something to be proud of? ... Actually believes that he has royal blood running through his veins, and once produced a strange genealogical chart to prove it ... Nobody was buying his line ...

Same chart probably has Bobby Eaton on it ... Would be better off if he just shut up and wrestled ... One of the finest scientific wrestlers in the world, and if you don't believe it, he'll try to convince you ...

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 247
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 36
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 18
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 71
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

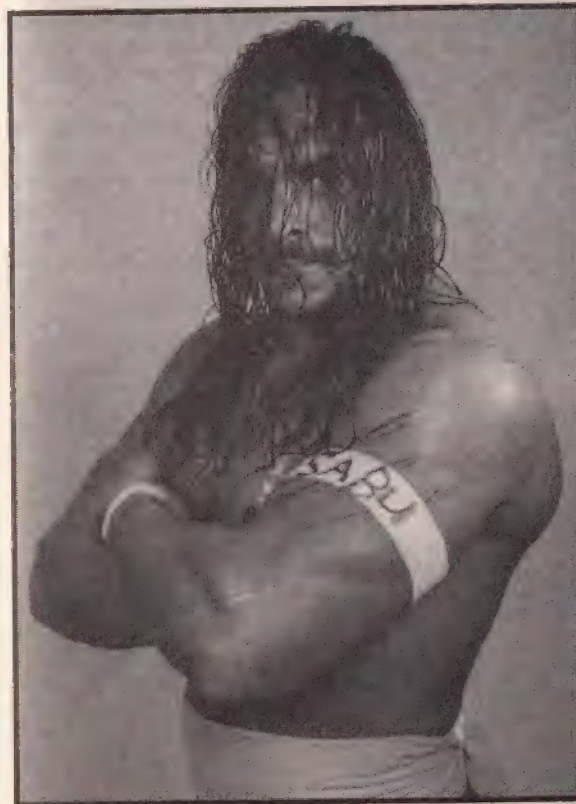
Career took a turn for the worst at Fall Brawl '94 when he lost the TV title to Johnny B. Badd ... According to our sources in England, several pubs in Blackpool immediately removed autographed pictures of Regal from their walls ... Once battled Davey Boy Smith in WCW in a fever-pitched battle of Britain ... Has found his best stride since he began teaming with Earl Robert Eaton ... Team is known as The Blue Bloods ... Looks to us like The Blue Bloods will eventually win the WCW World tag team title and dominate the federation for some time ... It's a matter of common sense: The top teams in the federation are brawlers; only a scientific team can neutralize them ... Regal's science and Eaton's ability and experience make a very formidable combination ... The key to The Blue Bloods is not getting too impatient ... That's unlikely to happen, considering that Regal was the man patient enough to trace his family history back nearly 1,000 years ... Sort of.



SABU

Sabu is one of the craziest, most skillful, most exciting wrestlers in the sport's history ... Is absolutely fearless ... Intentionally dives and runs into wooden tables and metal chairs ... Is The Sheik's protege ... That explains plenty ... Joined forces with Taz to win the ECW tag title in March 1995 by smashing both of the members of Public Enemy through a table ... That tabled all conversation as to which was the better team ... Is adored in Japan, where he once held the IWGP junior heavyweight title and was a top draw for Frontier Martial Arts ... Said one Japanese writer: "He is the greatest thing since tempura" ... Only not quite as greasy ...

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 220
YEARS PRO: 11
PWI CENTERFOLD: APRIL 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 5
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 12
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 56
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 79
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 389



Was offered lucrative contracts by several top federations while with ECW ... So far, WCW commentator Steve McMichael has been unable to come up with the words to describe any of Sabu's moves ... (Or, frankly, both of Hulk Hogan's moves) ... Although many of Sabu's original fans are screaming that he "sold out" by signing with WCW, we think they doth protest too much ... Sabu realizes he has to take advantage of every opportunity while he is still in one piece ... Sabu's best U.S. challenge is in WCW, where Sabu can test himself against the best wrestlers in the world ... There is no doubt he belongs among them ... But is he patient enough to play politics for title shots? ... Probably not ... Has wrestled with both a cracked tailbone and cracked vertebrae ... His moves are spectacular, and many of them have no counter ... He's fearless and possesses a raging killer instinct ... Many wrestlers have been described as unique but Sabu truly is one of a kind.

RANDY SAVAGE

On November 26, the "Macho Man" became only the fourth man to win world titles in WWF and NWA/WCW ... The 60-man battle royal victory wasn't without controversy, though, which probably means a vicious renewal of the Savage-Hogan feud ... But Hogan's not the only veteran on Savage's championship mind ... Recently feuded with Ric Flair and, although nobody brought up the subject, Savage clearly hadn't

forgotten Flair's advances toward Elizabeth in the WWF several years ago ... We have to wonder, though: Why did Savage fail to immediately avenge the attack on his father, Angelo Poffo, by Ric Flair

and Arn Anderson? ... He also needs to be careful: As champion, he could very well get his head handed to him in a feud with Lex Luger ... It seems as if Savage is saying the same things in his interviews now that he said 10 years ago ... Problem is, we had a hard time figuring out what he was saying then, too ... Needs to release pent-up tension ... Savage's mood swings are a regular feature of The Weather Channel ... So are his changes from fan favorite to rulebreaker and back again ... Think it's the nitrates in the Slim Jims? ... Anybody who trusts Savage is just plain stupid ... And anyone who expects him to be simply a transient champion hasn't been paying attention ... When Savage decides to hang up the tights eventually, we think that there's a nice spot for him in the WCW broadcast booth, to Eric Bischoff's right and to the far right of Bobby Heenan ... Gee, that would shut out Steve McMichael ... Awwwww, shucks! ... NOT! ... Closed-captioned for the Savage-impaired, of course.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 237
YEARS PRO: 22
PWI CENTERFOLD: NOVEMBER 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 8
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 44
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 28
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 2
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 4

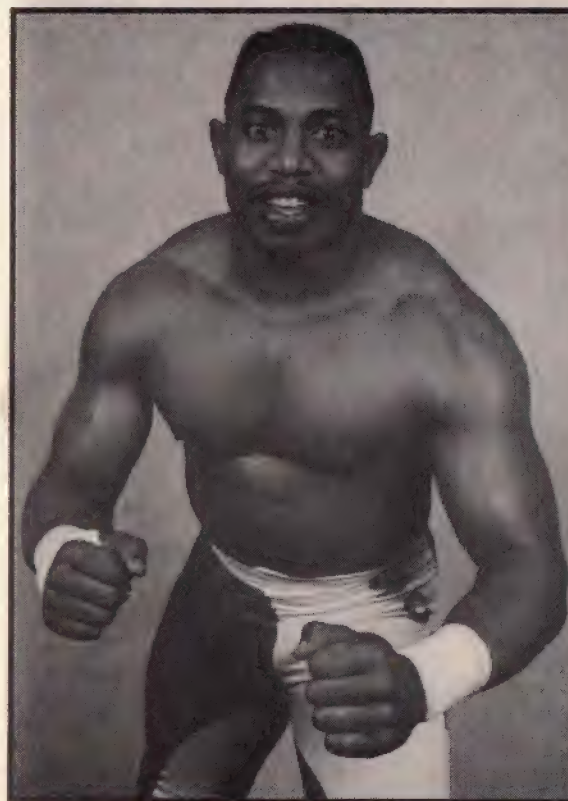


2 COLD SCORPIO

Former WCW World tag team champion in 1993 with Marcus Alexander Bagwell ... Currently holds ECW tag belts with The Sandman ... Feuding with Tommy Dreamer and the other ECW fan favorites ... Former ECW TV champ ... Fine aerial wrestler is often grounded because he takes too many chances ... Hates Paul E. Dangersously ... Then again, doesn't everybody? ... Expert at legdrops, dropkicks, power bombs, and suplexes ... One of the most spectacular and entertaining wrestlers on the independent circuit, Scorpio would have no trouble getting by as a mid-level wrestler in WCW or the WWF, and could easily contend for the

Intercontinental and U.S. singles titles ... Since arriving in ECW, Scorpio has competed in some of the most dangerous free-for-all matches ever ... Watched with envy as Dean Malenko, Eddy Guerrero, Sabu, Jushin Liger, and Chris Benoit signed with WCW this past summer ... Nearly broke Taz' neck ... Often relies on help from Bill Alfonso, whose pockets are always wide open for donations ... Very successful and popular in Japan, which is where he's most suited to wrestle ... Rumor is that he has spurned offers from major federations and is waiting for the right time to make his move ... The coming year could be the right time ... Scorpio has become a target in ECW ... If he stays around too long, Taz will try to break his neck, too ... Even worse, Dangerously might talk him into buying one of those penny cell phone packages ... Attention, Scorpio: Marcus Alexander Bagwell and Scotty Riggs are the number-one contenders to the WCW World tag team title. Please report to the WCW immediately!

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 222
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 33
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 50
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 49
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
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DAN SEVERN

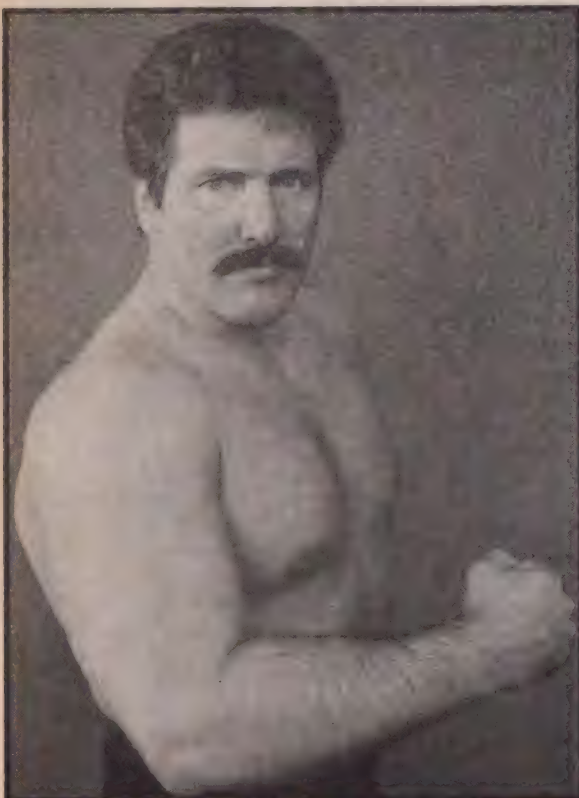
Outstanding all-around wrestler is a former Ultimate Fighting Champion ...

Takes pride in being his own man and never selling out to the major federations ... Could be ruining his career by putting too much emphasis on the UFC, or least not making a clear choice between UFC and wrestling ... Has won nearly 40 amateur wrestling titles ... He's the only one that's counting ... Is the NWA heavyweight champion ...

You'd never know it ... Rarely defends the belt ... Then again, the NWA rarely holds cards ... Critics charge him with facing low-caliber competition ... Says it isn't true ... Recent opponents include Jerry

Seinfeld, Kato Kaelin, and a handicap match victory over Beavis and Butt-head ... Calls UFC "the ultimate competition" ... Claims to be content with the NWA title ... That's like Greg Maddux saying he liked it better in Triple-A ... Severn is dedicated to his profession and takes pride in his success, both from a personal and professional standpoint ... No wrestler in recent memory has been such a fine spokesman for the sport ... The problem here is wasted talent ... Severn appears to be another one of those great scientific wrestlers who simply doesn't know what to do with it ... He's like a great poet who spends his days hanging out in coffee houses, never actually doing any writing ... Won UFC V with a final-round victory over Dave Beneteau ... Says he's exhausted for weeks after every UFC ... Is at an age (37) where he has to make a commitment to wrestling soon if he is ever to achieve superstardom ... If he does, he can.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 265
YEARS PRO: 5
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 35
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 332
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1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
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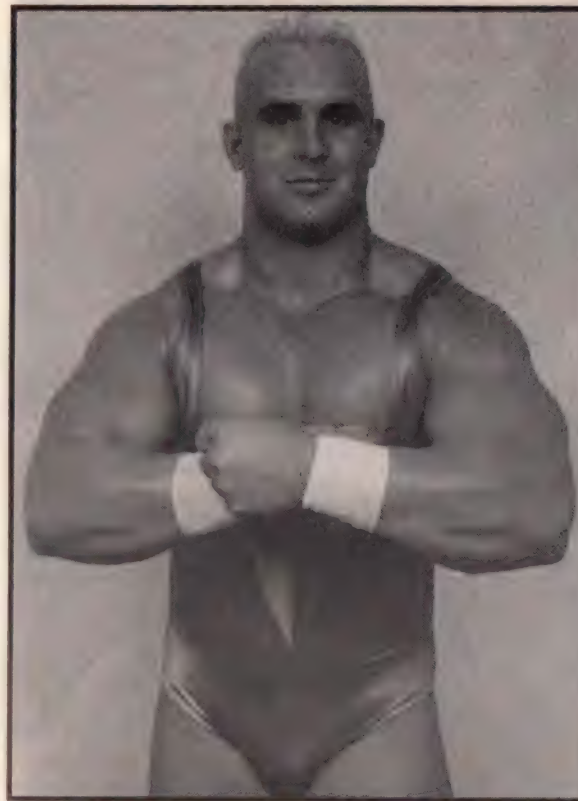


SKIP

This whining, complaining, overgrown baby should realize how lucky he is ... Gets to look at Tammy Fytch every day ... Started his wrestling career in 1986 as a 14-year-old ... Stop counting on your fingers, folks, that makes him 24 now ... Was a two-time WWA (very) light heavyweight champion under Jim Cornette in 1992 ... Also shared the ECW tag belts with Johnny Hot Body ... Never saw a mirror they didn't like

... In SMW, feuded with Tim Horner, who nicknamed him "Crybaby" ... A term of endearment it wasn't ... Traded the U.S. junior heavyweight title with Bobby Blaze ... Threw Blaze and the belt in a river

HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 226 POUNDS
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: DECEMBER 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 42
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 45
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 83
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 422
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 403



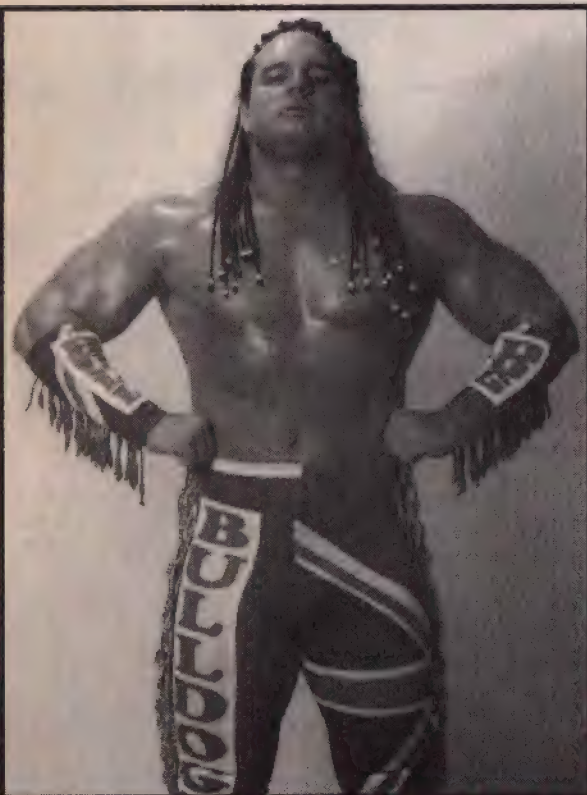
after winning it the second time ... Should have joined him for a swim ... Met Tammy Fytch ... Liked what he saw ... Fytch was being stripped by Kimberly when Candido tossed her a blanket ... Started teaming with Brian Lee ... Exchanged the SMW tag belts with The Rock 'n' Roll Express, who definitely wouldn't have thrown Tammy a blanket ... Verbally abused childhood buddy Boo Bradley ... Won the vacant NWA title by beating Tracey Smothers in a tournament final on November 19, 1994 ... Lost it to Dan Severn about three months later ... Fytch got a job in WWF and dragged Candido in behind her ... Goes under the nicknames Skip (that's Chris) and Sunny (that's Tammy) ... Insults fat people and other societal outcasts ... Might think twice if Yokozuna or Mabel are the fat people ... Big year ahead ... Probably ... We're not betting on him, but if worse comes to worst, he'll always be a winner if he can hold on to Tammy.

DAVEY BOY SMITH

A native of Leeds, England ... Debuted in 1977, but nobody really knew anything about him until the mid-1980s, when he and Dynamite Kid formed a sensational tag team, The British Bulldogs ... Like all great things, the team had to come to an end and Davey Boy reluctantly embarked on a singles career ... Won the Intercontinental title from Bret Hart at SummerSlam '92, indicating to us that with the proper career decisions, Davey Boy could be world title material ... Although a great tag team wrestler, he insists on doing things on his own ... Like when he risked his life and challenged then-WCW World champion

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 245 POUNDS
YEARS PRO: 18
PWI CENTERFOLD: JULY 1993
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 39
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 184
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 15
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 30
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 46

Big Van Vader ... Davey Boy was going to be a big man and save the federation from Vader ... Although he slightly defused Vader, he didn't put him away ... Now that he's back in the WWF, Davey Boy still can't decide whether to wrestle singles or tag team ... The partnership with Lex Luger looked promising, until Jim Cornette got Davey Boy's attention ... Now that Luger's gone to WCW (thanks, in part, to Cornette), Davey Boy is concentrating almost entirely on singles ... But to us, the idea of Davey Boy being a rulebreaker is a little like Prince Charles trying to be a bad boy ... Perhaps Davey Boy's taking too much advice from Bob Backlund, who also turned bad when the going got tough ... Figures to take a few runs at the WWF World title ... English sports have been on a slide for the past, say, five or 500 years ... Soccer? Poof! Cricket? Poof! Tennis? Poof! ... Davey Boy? We need proof!

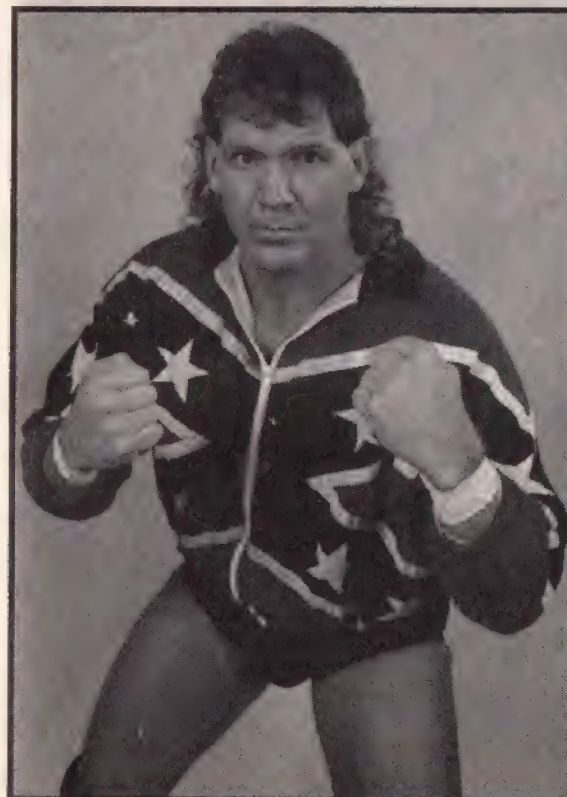


TRACEY SMOTHERS

Tracey Smothers has spent just about his entire career wrestling down south ... Was considered Smoky Mountain's finest all-around wrestler ... Now what? ... He's one of those guys who has no use for anything north of the Carolina border and never met a Yankee he really liked ... Was the perfect man to feud with "Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony when Anthony turned Yankee, because nobody was angrier about it than Smothers ... Just to prove that he could let bygones be bygones, Smothers was teaming with Anthony when SMW folded ... Anthony and Smothers went by the name The Thugs ... Also teamed with Terry

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 227
YEARS PRO: 14
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 26
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 38
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 32
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 144
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 88

Gordy ... Has trouble deciding whether he's a fan favorite or a rulebreaker ... Maybe he just doesn't care ... Has one of those names that makes you imagine a man with long, curly, bleached blond hair ... Held just about every SMW title: TV, tag team, and heavyweight ... Is willing to ply his trade in Japan, but has little interest in testing himself nationally ... Basically, Smothers wrestling in SMW was very much like a kid growing up in a small town and just knowing he's going to work in the local factory or the donut shop down the street ... We always felt Smothers wasn't going anywhere, even if the donut shop expanded ... But now that there is no donut shop, he'll have to hit the road ... Smothers is truly in the prime of his career, and it's time for him to make a big move now ... Smothers is violent and has a short temper, but he needs to mix that with more of a killer instinct and a little more drive ... A successful mix can mean a big career breakout ... Listening, Shawn Michaels? And Sting?



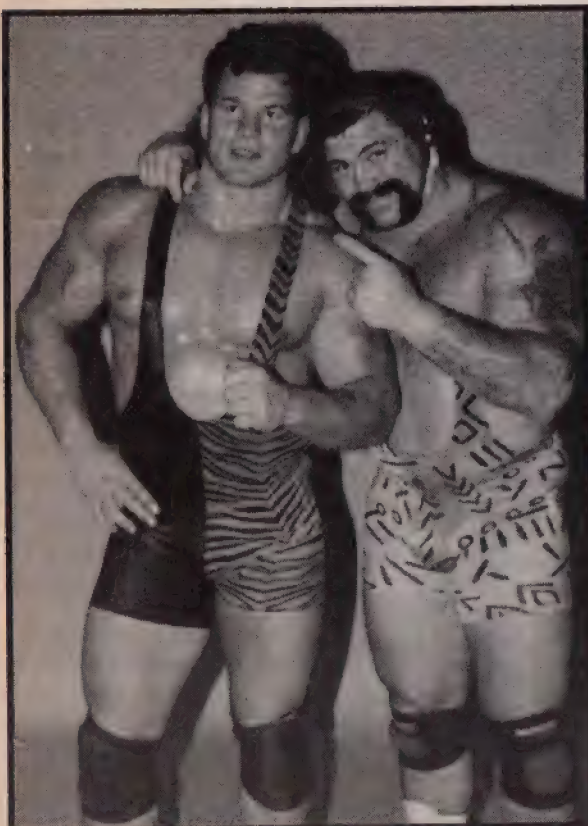
THE STEINERS

Former WCW and WWF tag team champions are considered one of the best tag teams in the world now ... One of the best of all-time ... After a long semi-hiatus in Japan, both recently returned to action in America in ECW ... That's good for ECW fans, but how about the rest of the United States? ... Look at the tag team rankings and see names such as The Smokin' Gunns, Eli & Jacob Blu, The Pit Bulls, and Maxx Crimson & Jimmy Deo ...

HEIGHT: RICK—5'11"; SCOTT—6'1"
WEIGHT: RICK—248; SCOTT—235
YEARS PRO: RICK—13; SCOTT—10
PWI CENTERFOLD: NOVEMBER 1993
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: RICK—19; SCOTT—15
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: RICK—28; SCOTT—20
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: RICK—16; SCOTT—10
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: RICK—11; SCOTT—8
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: RICK—10; SCOTT—6

That must make the Steiners sick ... Rick is known as the "Dogfaced Gremlin" ... Don't take it literally ... Scott is the originator of the

"Frankensteiner" ... Bears no resemblance to Frankenstein ... The Steiners are also former IWGP tag team champs in Japan ... About the only team that got the best of them was Terry Gordy & Steve Williams ... Almost doublehandedly responsible for the huge growth in sales of University of Michigan sportswear over the past five years ... Entrance music makes University of Notre Dame fans cringe ... This has to be their year. Either the Steiners return to WCW or the WWF, or they stay away forever ... Questions still remain concerning Scott's physical fitness ... Unleashing Frankensteiner and suplexes the way he does against 250-pound opponents each night will bring up those questions ... Between Rick and Scott, just about every major tag team move is accounted for. They are multifaceted wrestlers who brilliantly combine science with brawling ... Unfortunately, they've spent too much time combining wrestling with sitting around the last few years.



STING

Nearly a decade ago, Sting and The Ultimate Warrior trained for their debuts and wrestled briefly together as a team ... So, who would've guessed that by 1996, the Warrior would be on the fringe of the sport while Sting would be recognized as one of the greatest wrestlers in the world ... Two-time former WCW World champion had the guts to take on Big Van Vader, and actually beat him for the belt two years ago ... Wrestled WCW World champion Hulk Hogan on WCW Monday Nitro ... Was it a one-shot wish come true, or was Sting testing the waters for a full-scale feud? ... Memo to Sting: Agassi vs.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 260
YEARS PRO: 11
PWI CENTERFOLD: MAY 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 8
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 8
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 4
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 1
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 5



Sampras, Bengals (David Shula) vs. Dolphins (Don Shula), etc ... Lost the U.S. title in November to Kensuke Sasaki ... One of the most outgoing and popular wrestlers in the world ... Children love him ... Spends far too much time looking out for everybody but himself ... Is a prime candidate to get stabbed in the back ... Made another mistake by getting in the middle of the Lex Luger-Randy Savage disagreement ... Says he lost track of his career path for a while ... Follow the yellow brick road, "Stinger" ... Could go down in history as one of the greatest ever ... Needs to get back on the championship path ... And we don't mean U.S. championship ... Title issues aside: If Sting can beat Hogan—cleanly and clearly—his place in history would be assured ... Trust us, Sting could beat Hogan, but he's hesitant to risk his popularity and reputation ... Or is he? ... He's talented, he's popular, he's charismatic—but is he complacent? ... Only Sting himself knows the answer to that one.

TATANKA

Native American makes us question whether Thanksgiving is really a holiday we want to celebrate ... Increases our enjoyment of cowboys and Indians movies ... Turned down a starring role in *F-Troop*, *The Movie* ... Sold out to Ted DiBiase at SummerSlam '94 ... So far, there has been no confirmation to the rumor that the price was \$24 ... Basically has forsaken his heritage for money ... Was very popular as a fan favorite;

preached trust for heritage and respect for yourself ... Best moves are the tomahawk chop and Samoan drop ... Has made retirement very difficult for fellow Native American Chief Jay Strongbow ... In the old

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 250
YEARS PRO: 6
PWI CENTERFOLD: MAY 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 41
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 40
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 61
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 93
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 185

days, Tatanka would have been scalped for his actions ... These days, he does the bidding for white man who speaks with forked tongue ... Left off of the In Your House III card on September 24, 1995 ... That does not bode well for Tatanka's future ... If he has the chance, Tatanka should ask DiBiase, "What have you done for me lately?" ... Chances of making a big move in 1996 depend on him leaving DiBiase's Corporation ... Three straight pay-per-view snubs can be death for a career ... Wrestling with Sid Vicious in an ill-advised tag team ... They should call themselves The Going Nowheres ... Even if you question whether Tatanka has the skill to be a World or Intercontinental champion, there's no doubting that he oughta be a contender ... There has never been a Native American world champion, and it doesn't look like Tatanka will be the first.



UNDERTAKER

Former WWF World champion is one of the most fearsome wrestlers of all-time ... Undoubtedly the most unusual, as there's considerable dispute over whether he's actually alive ... If not, that would eliminate him from consideration as one of the best living wrestlers ... Seemingly draws much of his power from the urn protected by manager Paul Bearer ... Not unlike Linus and his blanket, actually ... Much to Undertaker's

misfortune and dismay, Bearer hasn't done a great job protecting the urn, and Undertaker has gone through some tough times ... When the urn's around, Undertaker is unbeatable ... Has dominated his

HEIGHT: 6'9"
WEIGHT: 328
YEARS PRO: 7
PWI CENTERFOLD: JUNE 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 14
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 23
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 46
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 21
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

feud with Kama and seems ready to move on to better things ... Problem is, every time Undertaker hits hard times, he disappears for a few months ... Tombstone piledriver is a thunderous and dangerous weapon that he uses in almost every match ... Okay, we'll say it: It's a killer move ... Sorry about that ... Absolutely despises Ted DiBiase, so much so that he has allowed him to become an unhealthy distraction ... Ever since DiBiase introduced an impostor Undertaker two years ago, Undertaker has been consumed by the passion for revenge ... What the world—and the WWF—really wants is the ultimate battle of the big men between Undertaker and Diesel ... Having once beaten Hulk Hogan for the WWF title, there's no doubt Undertaker has what it takes to be on top again ... (Can you really believe that this guy is a former WWF World heavyweight champion? Yeah, sounds odd to us, too!) ... Problem is, he's more concerned with death after life.



BIG VAN VADER

The three-time former WCW World champion has fallen out of the picture after getting humbled by Hulk Hogan on several occasions ... Things were looking dismal from the start last January, when Hogan arose from Vader's power bomb ... That basically neutralized Vader and turned him into just another 6'5", 450-pound monster with a killer instinct the size of the Rocky Mountains ... Speaking of the Rockies, Vader is from Denver, Colorado ... The fact is, even though Vader can't beat Hogan, he doesn't lose to anyone else ... Okay, maybe Ric Flair ... Forget the Paul Orndorff locker room incident ... It was a fluke ... The only thing Vader

HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 450
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: AUGUST 1995
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 7
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 4
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 2
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 15
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 33



cares about is the WCW World title ... Regrets having failed to send Ric Flair into retirement ... The bottom line on Vader is that he's wrestled both Hogan and Flair, the top two wrestlers of the past two decades, and lost to both of them ... On second thought, maybe Vader's not as tough as we thought ... Tell that to Cactus Jack, Sting, and Ron Simmons, all of whom suffered serious injuries at the hands of Vader ... Is so intent on winning a world title that it's only a matter of time until he returns to the Top 10 and makes a major run ... Anybody who gets in Vader's way is asking for trouble ... His power bomb is a crippling weapon ... Disappeared from WCW shortly prior to Fall Brawl '95 and dropped out of War Games after the Orndorff brawl ... Will be back, somewhere ... The best bet for Vader is a move to the WWF, or a return to Japan, where he's much respected ... Vader vs. Diesel would be a classic—and a very winnable match for Vader.

SAVIO VEGA

Razor Ramon's buddy came to the rescue of the "Bad Guy" at In Your House I, saving him from an attack by Jeff Jarrett and The Roadie ... At the time, it looked like Vega would be Ramon's sidekick, but he has gone on to be much more ... Reached the finals of the King of the Ring tournament, where he suffered a tough loss to Mabel ... Formerly known as TNT ... Wrestled extensively in Puerto Rico ... One could say his career imploded until he came to the WWF, where it has exploded ... The bad news is that he was absent from two of three pay-per-views ... The other bad news is that his opponent at In Your House III was Waylon

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 250
YEARS PRO: 10
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 63
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 320
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 256



Mercy ... The WWF isn't matching him against top-quality opponents ... Dazzles opponents with an array of karate kicks and other martial arts moves ... The big question Vega must answer is whether or not he was a one-shot wonder who caught a lot of wrestlers by surprise, but doesn't have enough to beat them on the second go-round. Kind of like a pitcher who breezes through the order the first time, then gets rocked the second time ... Vega's relationship with Ramon won't get him much further, especially now that it looks like Ramon is going the rulebreaker route ... Needs something to push him up and over the top ... No, we don't know what that might be, either ... King of the Ring remains a respectable goal for Vega, but not the World or I-C titles ... Should start looking for the right tag team partner immediately ... Is Vega the next Pedro Morales or another Manuel Soto? ... We'll know the answer by SummerSlam '96.

SID VICIOUS

We are not going to sit here and bore you with the usual garbage about how Sid Vicious, formerly known as Sid Justice, has not done the most with his talents ... Maybe it is our fault for thinking every man who is built like Hulk Hogan will succeed like Hulk Hogan ... Known as Psycho Sid because he looks like he's crazy and has a really bad temper ... Just ask Arn Anderson ... Or maybe he's psycho because every time he seems to be on the verge of superstardom, he simply disappears from the sport ... Feuded with Diesel after Diesel saved Shawn Michaels from an attack by Vicious one day after WrestleMania XI ... Michaels had told Vicious to take a day off ... Vicious, not knowing the value of personal days, took exception ... Made the right choice and feuded with Diesel, the World champion, rather than Michaels ... It was one of the few good moves of his career, although it didn't get him very far ... Couldn't unseat Diesel and once again failed to win the World title ... Also failed to win the WCW World title ... Held the USWA title in 1994-95, thanks to outside interference ... Has trouble with wrestlers he cannot physically intimidate ... Possesses a devastating power bomb that, if ever applied at just the right moment, will make people stop calling him an under-achiever ... Vicious needs to stay in the WWF and continue making runs at the World title ... He will always get his chances, whether they are earned or not ... Should take solace in the fact that many of the things that have been said about him were also said about Diesel and Razor Ramon.

HEIGHT: 6'8"
WEIGHT: 318
YEARS PRO: 9
PWI CENTERFOLD: FEBRUARY 1994
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 34
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 143
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 25
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 16



V.K. WALL STREET

Formerly known as Mike Rotundo, then Michael Wall Street, then Irwin R. Schyster ...

V.K. is an obvious (and childish) reference to Vincent K. McMahon ... Outstanding scientific wrestler disguised his skills by going around as an IRS auditor who thinks everybody's trying to rip off the government ... Now he disguises his skills by going around as a Wall Street trader ... Must have a thing for suspenders ... To the best of our knowledge, has never stepped foot in downtown Manhattan ... This is his second visit to WCW ... Back problems have slowed Wall Street and lessened his effectiveness on combination maneuvers ... While career

HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 248
YEARS PRO: 14
PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE
1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 88
1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 26
1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 52
1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 54
1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 39

was believed to be in jeopardy at one point, lighter WCW schedule seems to have helped a great deal ... Doesn't figure to make a major mark in crowded WCW ... Never won a WWF singles title ... Is a man of whom every wrestler moving up the ladder of contention should be wary ... Has a great deal of pride and will never allow anyone to get away with considering him a steppingstone ... Now here's a Horseman candidate ... Great skills, long on experience ... Naaaaaah ... Did some of his best wrestling last year when Ted DiBiase briefly left the WWF, leading us to believe that he won't suffer from DiBiase's absence in WCW ... This might be a good time for Wall Street to forget about the financial gimmicks and go back to what he does best: wrestle ... He's a former amateur standout at Syracuse University who obviously was afraid of being too boring to become successful ... In WCW, Wall Street can get away with simply wrestling.



ALEX WRIGHT

"Das Wunderkind" arrived in WCW last year and is one of the top rookies in recent memory ... The native German is the son of 16-time former CWA heavyweight champ Stephen Wright ... No, not that deadpan comedian with the Brillo-pad haircut ... High-flying competitor is absolutely reckless and doesn't think before he acts ... Enraged, amused, and entertained fans by dancing before and after his matches ... Thankfully, he's given up the *Dance Fever* routine ... Unfortunately, it was passed on to Disco Inferno ... Battled Ric Flair to the distance last spring ...

HEIGHT: 6'3"

WEIGHT: 222

YEARS PRO: 2

PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 54

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: UNRANKED



Flair called Wright "a future superstar" ... Can get there, but needs to monitor his career carefully ... Has battled Sabu in a series of thrilling matches ... Was pinned by Sabu on WWF Monday Nitro, then was declared a DQ winner after Sabu dove onto Wright and drove him through a wooden press table ... Wright knows there's no shame in losing to Sabu, but there's also no chance of him achieving his dream of reaching the top of the sport if he can't beat Sabu ... Figures to become a much better wrestler when he learns to pick his spots ... Although Wright has proven that he's capable of going head to head with anyone, he hasn't shown an ability to defeat the top stars ... Needs to put on a few pounds ... Bratwurst and Beck's Oktoberfest should do the trick ... The young Wright is in danger of getting lost in the WCW shuffle and might consider a move to an independent federation, where he can win a major title, hone his skills, and prepare for another run in WCW.

YOKOZUNA

Two-time former WWF World champion executed the flop heard 'round the world when he accidentally sat on teammate Owen Hart ... Reportedly exists on a diet of sushi and iceberg lettuce ... Right ... Chocolate sushi and creamed iceberg lettuce ... Returned to the WWF at WrestleMania XI and teamed with Owen Hart to win the World tag belts ... They've since lost the title ... Is from Samoa, not Japan as many people think ... Famed "banzai drop" has forced several opponents to reconsider their career choice ... You and I can execute a "banzai drop" simply by going to the refrigerator, grabbing a light snack, and then plopping down in our favorite easy chair to watch TV ...

HEIGHT: 6'4"

WEIGHT: 568

YEARS PRO: 12

PWI CENTERFOLD: NONE

1995 PWI 500 RANKING: 32

1994 PWI 500 RANKING: 11

1993 PWI 500 RANKING: 5

1992 PWI 500 RANKING: 110

1991 PWI 500 RANKING: 148



When Yokozuna does the same thing and there's a human being beneath him, it becomes a potent finishing maneuver ... Is scared to death of death; fared terribly inasket matches against Undertaker ... Jim Cornette and Mr. Fuji cruelly made him wrestle in these matches ... Should have told them, "You go wrestleasket" ... Has been overlooked for title shots, even though he's just as awesome as he was a few years ago ... Absolutely hates Bret Hart, his arch-rival during the title years ... Needs to find somebody else to hate ... Like Diesel, Shawn Michaels, or Davey Boy Smith ... Is living proof that you can't pin a house ... Is so big and bulky that's he's nearly impossible to knock off his feet ... But when it happens, he's in trouble ... Current partnership with Owen Hart is a complete waste of time for Yokozuna ... The team's postmatch meals are a sight to be seen, if not eaten ... Would be smart to consider new management.

STATISTICS

FOR PROFESSIONAL WRESTLERS

On the pages that follow, you'll find statistics—height, weight, hometown, year (or specific date) of pro debut, and birthday—for hundreds of professional wrestlers worldwide. This list does not purport to be 100 percent comprehensive in presenting every wrestler there's ever been, but it does strive to be 100 percent accurate with the information it does present. Many birthdays and pro debuts have been double- and triple-checked through cross-references. Even so, errors may have crept into the list, and there is information that may yet be added (such as determining the specific date of a pro debut, not just the year, or month and year). We invite anyone with additions and/or corrections to this list to send your information to: PWI ALMANAC, Box 1148, Ft. Washington, PA 19034. We'll be more than happy to update our list for next year's second edition.

NAME	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	PRO DEBUT	BIRTHDATE
1-2-3 Kid	6'2"	212	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1990	July 13
2 Cold Scorpio	5'11"	222	Denver, Colorado	1986	Oct. 25, 1965
911	6'7"	310	parts unknown	1994	N/A
Abdullah The Butcher	6'1"	360	Khartoum, Sudan	1958	Nov. 2, 1936
Johnny Ace	6'3"	250	San Bernadino, California	1986	N/A
Chris Adams	6'1"	228	Stratford, England	June 1978	Feb. 10, 1955
Perro Aguayo	5'10"	215	Zacatecas, Mexico	1969	N/A
Jun Akiyama	5'11"	225	N/A	1992	N/A
Gary Albright	6'4"	343	Billings, Montana	1988	N/A
Donn E. Allen	5'10"	185	N/A	1988	N/A
Arn Anderson	6'	249	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Jan. 1982	Sept. 20, 1958
Brad Anderson	6'1"	220	Minneapolis, Minnesota	June 10, 1988	N/A
Frank Andersson	6'2"	245	Göteborg, Sweden	1991	N/A
Animal	6'1"	285	Chicago, Illinois	Nov. 1982	Jan. 26, 1960
Mike Anthony	5'10"	205	Calgary, Alberta	1990	N/A
Tony Anthony	6'1"	235	Bucksnort, Tennessee	1977	April 12
Bob Armstrong	5'11"	227	Marietta, Georgia	1966	Oct. 3
Brad Armstrong	6'	226	Marietta, Georgia	1981	June 15
Brian Armstrong	6'4"	240	Marietta, Georgia	1992	May 20
Scott Armstrong	6'1"	212	Marietta, Georgia	1983	May 4, 1961
Steve Armstrong	6'2"	224	Marietta, Georgia	1984	March 16
Mark Ash	6'1"	205	N/A	1989	Oct. 2

NOTE: N/A = information not available

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Ed Atlas	6'	226	N/A	1986	N/A
Tony Atlas	6'2"	247	Roanoke, Virginia	1977	April 23
Steve Austin	6'2"	241	Dallas, Texas	Dec. 1989	Dec. 18
Terry Austin	6'	240	N/A	1991	N/A
Axis The Demolisher	6'2"	303	N/A	1987	N/A
Shohei Baba	6'9"	283	Niigata, Japan	Sept. 30, 1960	Jan. 23, 1938
Bob Backlund	6'1"	234	Princeton, Minnesota	1973	Aug. 14, 1950
Johnny B. Badd	6'	235	Macon, Georgia	1991	July 9
Marcus Bagwell	6'1"	240	Marietta, Georgia	1990	Jan. 10, 1970
The Barbarian	6'5"	295	New York, New York	1981	N/A
Jesse Barr	6'	243	Portland, Oregon	1981	Jan. 28
Sunny Beach	6'4"	270	Santa Monica, California	July 1985	Sept. 24
Bruiser Badlam	5'10"	235	Newark, New Jersey	1984	N/A
Salvatore Bellomo	5'10"	240	Sicily, Italy	1977	June 18
Reggie Bennett	5'8"	170	Venice Beach, California	N/A	N/A
Chris Benoit	5'10"	218	Edmonton, Alberta	Jan. 1986	May 21, 1967
Bam Bam Bigelow	6'3"	368	Mt. Laurel, New Jersey	Aug. 23, 1985	Sept. 1
Black Bart	6'4"	261	Pampa, Texas	1980	N/A
Black Tiger	6'	223	N/A	1984	N/A
Blacktop Bully	6'2"	264	Dubuque, Iowa	1983	Oct. 6, 1959
Tully Blanchard	5'10"	235	San Antonio, Texas	1978	Jan. 22
Bobby Blaze	6'1"	231	Charlotte, North Carolina	N/A	June 25
Alundra Blayze	5'9 1/2"	150	Milan, Italy	1985	Feb. 9
Eli Blu	6'5"	257	N/A	1984	N/A
Jacob Blu	6'4"	260	N/A	1988	N/A
Blue Panther	5'6"	190	N/A	1978	N/A
Adam Bomb	6'6"	292	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	1991	March 14
Bastion Booger	6'	404	Saginaw, Michigan	1979	May 9
Booker T.	5'11"	250	Harlem, New York	1989	May 1, 1965
Ludvig Borga	6'3"	258	Helsinki, Finland	1989	Jan. 6
Horace Boulder	6'2"	240	Tampa, Florida	Jan. 31, 1990	N/A
Scott Bowden	N/A	215	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Killer Brooks	6'	254	Waxahachie, Texas	1967	N/A
D-La Brown	N/A	305	Bronx, New York	N/A	N/A
Jim Brunzell	5'10"	234	White Bear Lake, Minnesota	1972	Aug. 13, 1949
Big Bubba	6'6"	310	Cobb County, Georgia	N/A	N/A
Bunkhouse Buck	6'5"	239	Bucksnort, Tennessee	N/A	Aug. 1
King Kong Bundy	6'4"	446	Atlantic City, New Jersey	1981	Nov. 7, 1957
Bushwhacker Butch	6'4"	255	New Zealand	1965	Oct. 21
Bushwhacker Luke	6'1"	244	New Zealand	1965	Jan. 8
Cactus Jack	6'4"	277	Truth or Consequences, N.M.	June 24, 1983	June 5, 1965
Tommy Cairo	6'3"	257	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1987	Feb. 19

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Cien Caras	6'3"	240	N/A	N/A	N/A
Negro Casas	5'7"	180	N/A	N/A	N/A
Masa Chono	5'11"	235	Tokyo, Japan	Oct. 5, 1984	Sept. 17, 1963
Riki Choshu	6'	246	Yamaguchi, Japan	Aug. 8, 1974	Dec. 3, 1951
Brian Christopher	5'10"	230	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Carlos Colon	5'10"	246	Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico	1965	July 18
Colorado Kid	6'3"	231	Denver, Colorado	N/A	N/A
Bruiser Brian Cox	6'2"	300	Idaho Falls, Idaho	N/A	N/A
Crush	6'6"	322	Kona, Hawaii	1986	April 14
Ron Cumberledge	6'1"	235	N/A	1988	N/A
Big Daddy Cyrus	N/A	359	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Ace Darling	6'	221	N/A	N/A	June 27
Dan Davis	5'9"	218	Nashville, Tennessee	1977	N/A
Mike Davis	5'11"	235	Tampa, Florida	1977	Nov. 2
Joel Deaton	6'5"	285	N/A	1986	N/A
Jim Del Ray	5'11"	225	N/A	1990	Nov. 30
Tony DeNucci	6'	240	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1990	N/A
Jimmy Deo	6'	252	Reading, Pennsylvania	1987	N/A
Diesel	7'	356	Las Vegas, Nevada	1990	July 9
Disco Inferno	6'	238	Brooklyn, New York	Nov. 20, 1991	N/A
Doink The Clown	5'10"	235	parts unknown	N/A	July 27
Dean Douglas	6'	223	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	1985	Nov. 21
Tommy Dreamer	6'3"	245	Yonkers, New York	1989	Feb. 14
Duke Droese	6'5"	306	Chicago, Illinois	1987	Aug. 20
Hacksaw Duggan	6'3"	280	Glens Falls, New York	Sept. 1977	Jan. 14, 1954
Bobby Duncum Jr.	6'4"	265	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Sept. 1992	N/A
Bill Dundee	5'7"	219	Melbourne, Australia	1971	Oct. 24
Steven Dunn	5'10"	240	Tampa, Florida	1984	N/A
Bobby Eaton	6'	233	Huntsville, Alabama	May 1976	Aug. 14, 1958
El Canek	5'11"	235	Mexico City, Mexico	1972	N/A
Jerry Estrada	5'10"	220	Mexico City, Mexico	1977	Jan. 10, 1958
Chris Evans	6'1"	239	N/A	1986	N/A
Guido Falcone	6'4"	245	Dallas, Texas	1988	N/A
Tony Falk	6'1"	240	Dallas, Texas	1983	N/A
Fatu	6'2"	260	San Francisco, California	1985	Oct. 11
Manny Fernandez	6'	259	Tampa, Florida	1978	July 27
Reggie B. Fine	N/A	215	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Frank Finnegan	6'5"	588	Delaware City, Delaware	1993	N/A
Ric Flair	6'1"	243	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Dec. 10, 1972	Feb. 25, 1950
Flaming Youth	5'11"	230	N/A	1991	N/A
Tatsumi Fujinami	6'1"	234	Oita, Japan	May 9, 1971	Dec. 28, 1953
Yoshiaki Fujiwara	6'	220	Iwate, Japan	Nov. 1972	April 27, 1949

NOTE: N/A = information not available

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Bobby Fulton	5'10"	220	Columbus, OH	1979	Oct. 4
Dory Funk Jr.	6'2"	250	Amarillo, Texas	July 1963	Feb. 19, 1941
Terry Funk	6'1"	247	Amarillo, Texas	Dec. 9, 1965	June 30, 1944
Doug Furnas	5'11"	243	Commerce, Oklahoma	1986	N/A
Mike Furnas	N/A	243	Commerce, Oklahoma	N/A	N/A
The Gambler	N/A	225	Las Vegas, Nevada	N/A	N/A
Jimmy Garvin	6'	242	Charlotte, North Carolina	Nov. 1, 1975	Sept. 25, 1957
Ronnie Garvin	6'2"	231	Montreal, Quebec	1965	March 30
Jeff Gaylord	6'3"	280	St. Louis, Missouri	1985	Oct. 15, 1958
Robert Gibson	5'11"	225	Pensacola, Florida	1977	July 19, 1958
Doug Gilbert	6'2"	241	Lexington, Tennessee	1986	N/A
Henry Godwinn	6'6"	278	Biggers, Arkansas	1989	March 16
Nick Golden	N/A	238	Dallas, Texas	N/A	N/A
Goldust	6'5"	254	Austin, Texas	Sept. 13, 1988	April 11, 1966
Giant Gonzales	7'7"	435	Buenos Aires, Argentina	1990	Jan. 31
Jose Gonzales	5'10"	227	parts unknown	N/A	N/A
Ray Gonzales	6'	230	N/A	1990	N/A
Terry Gordy	6'4"	289	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1975	April 23, 1961
Gorgeous George III	6'1"	238	Charlotte, North Carolina	N/A	N/A
Johnny Grunge	6'3"	263	Compton, California	1987	July 10
Fuerza Guerrera	5'7"	175	N/A	1978	N/A
Juventud Guerrera	5'5"	165	N/A	1992	N/A
Chavo Guerrero	5'8"	220	El Paso, Texas	1973	Jan. 7
Eddy Guerrero	5'8"	221	Los Angeles, California	1988	N/A
Hector Guerrero	6'	232	Mexico City, Mexico	1977	Oct. 1
Mando Guerrero	5'8"	225	Mexico City, Mexico	1974	N/A
Bart Gunn	6'5"	260	Austin, Texas	1992	Dec. 27
Billy Gunn	6'5"	254	Austin, Texas	1992	Nov. 11
Johnny Gunn	6'3"	250	Allentown, Pennsylvania	Sept. 1985	July 9, 1966
Hakushi	5'11"	231	Tokyo, Japan	1991	N/A
El Gran Hamada	5'4"	195	Tokyo, Japan	1971	N/A
Animal Hamaguchi	5'7"	205	Shimane, Japan	1969	Aug. 31, 1947
Jack Hammer	6'6"	325	Allentown, Pennsylvania	1991	N/A
Stan Hansen	6'3"	322	Borger, Texas	Nov. 1974	Oct. 12
Rex Hargrove	N/A	235	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Bret Hart	5'11"	235	Calgary, Alberta	1976	July 2, 1959
Bruce Hart	5'9"	211	Calgary, Alberta	Jan. 14, 1974	N/A
Keith Hart	5'10"	209	Calgary, Alberta	1976	N/A
Owen Hart	5'10"	227	Calgary, Alberta	May 30, 1986	May 7, 1966
Wayne Hart	6'1"	215	Calgary, Alberta	1972	N/A
Hiroshi Hase	5'11"	225	Tokyo, Japan	Feb. 26, 1986	May 5, 1961
Shinya Hashimoto	5'11"	287	Gisu, Japan	Sept. 1, 1984	July 3, 1965

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David Haskins	N/A	235	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Hawk	6'3"	277	Chicago, Illinois	June 1983	Sept. 12, 1957
John Hawk	6'7"	280	Sweetwater, Texas	Sept. 23, 1992	N/A
Billy Jack Haynes	6'3"	245	Portland, Oregon	Oct. 1982	July 10, 1953
Headbanger Mosh	6'	243	N/A	1991	N/A
Headbanger Thrasher	6'2"	245	N/A	1991	N/A
Heavy Metal	5'7"	180	N/A	1988	N/A
Hunter Hearst Helmsley	6'5"	279	Greenwich, Connecticut	1991	July 27
Dok Hendrix	6'1"	255	Atlanta, Georgia	May 1977	March 29, 1959
Jesse Hennig	6'2"	210	Minneapolis, Minnesota	June 1994	N/A
Hercules Hernandez	6'2"	255	Tampa, Florida	1979	May 7
Hulk Hogan	6'8"	275	Venice Beach, California	1978	Aug. 11, 1953
Bob Holly	6'1"	231	Talladega, Alabama	1993	Jan. 29
Norio Honaga	6'	211	Tokyo, Japan	April 25, 1980	Aug. 11, 1955
The Honky Tonk Man	6'1"	278	Memphis, Tennessee	1979	Jan. 25
Tim Horner	5'10"	235	Morristown, Tennessee	1979	Aug. 19
The Hornet	N/A	237	parts unknown	N/A	N/A
Barry Horowitz	5'10"	227	St. Petersburg, Florida	1979	N/A
Johnny Hot Body	5'10"	222	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1988	N/A
Sam Houston	6'2"	222	Waco, Texas	1983	Oct. 11
Mr. Hughes	6'5"	308	Kansas City, Kansas	1988	Dec. 7
J.C. Ice	5'8"	221	Memphis, Tennessee	1991	N/A
Ice Train	N/A	315	Detroit, MI	N/A	N/A
Takayuki Iizuka	6'	220	Hokkaido, Japan	Nov. 2, 1986	Aug. 2, 1966
Antonio Inoki	6'4"	240	Tokyo, Japan	Sept. 30, 1960	Feb. 20, 1943
The Intruder	6'4"	241	parts unknown	N/A	N/A
Iran Sheik	6'	262	Teheran, Iran	1972	March 15
Italian Stallion	6'3"	260	Naples, Italy	Feb. 1984	Oct. 24
Action Jackson	6'2"	300	Dallas, Texas	1984	N/A
Marty Jannetty	5'11"	230	Columbia, Georgia	1983	Feb. 20, 1962
Jeff Jarrett	5'10"	230	Nashville, Tennessee	April 1986	July 14
Jason	N/A	216	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	N/A	N/A
Chris Jericho	N/A	225	Vancouver, British Columbia	N/A	N/A
Ahmed Johnson	6'4"	255	Pearl River, Mississippi	N/A	N/A
S.D. Jones	6'1"	258	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1962	N/A
Junkyard Dog	6'3"	305	Charlotte, North Carolina	1978	Dec. 13
Kabuki	6'	252	Singapore	1964	Sept. 8, 1948
Kama	6'6"	340	Las Vegas, Nevada	Sept. 16, 1989	N/A
Kamala	6'7"	345	Uganda	1974	May 8, 1950
Kamala II	6'	430	Uganda	1987	N/A
Koji Kanemoto	5'10"	205	Tokyo, Japan	1990	N/A
Toshiaki Kawada	5'10"	245	Tizhigi, Japan	1981	N/A

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Steve Keirn	6'	235	Tampa, Florida	1973	Sept. 10
Kendo The Samurai	6'	235	Tokyo, Japan	N/A	N/A
Osamu Kido	5'11"	242	Kanagawa, Japan	May 8, 1969	Feb. 2
King Cobra	N/A	228	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Calvin Knapp	N/A	231	Dallas, Texas	N/A	N/A
Brian Knobs	6'1"	295	Allentown, Pennsylvania	1985	May 6
Kenta Kobashi	6'2"	261	Tokyo, Japan	N/A	N/A
Kuniaki Kobayashi	5'10"	211	Nagano, Japan	Dec. 3, 1973	Jan. 11, 1956
Vladimir Kolofov	6'4"	265	Moscow, Russia	Aug. 30, 1991	N/A
Konnar	5'10"	237	Mexico City, Mexico	N/A	N/A
Shiro Koshinaka	6'1"	217	Tokyo, Japan	March 5, 1979	Sept. 4
Dan Kroffatt	5'11"	235	N/A	1982	N/A
Kurasawa	6'1"	250	N/A	N/A	N/A
Killer Kyle	6'2"	303	Atlanta, Georgia	1988	N/A
Jean-Pierre Lafitte	5'11"	255	Montreal, Quebec	1992	Dec. 30
Buddy Landell	6'	236	Los Angeles, California	1979	Aug. 17, 1961
La Ley	6'2"	244	N/A	1990	N/A
Jerry Lawler	6'	234	Memphis, Tennessee	1970	Nov. 12, 1949
Brian Lee	6'2"	251	Los Angeles, California	1989	N/A
Jushin Liger	5'7"	206	Hiroshima, Japan	1983	Nov. 10, 1964
Lizmark	5'6"	190	Acapulco, Mexico	1975	N/A
Steve Lombardi	6'	233	Brooklyn, New York	1985	April 18
Lex Luger	6'5"	265	Chicago, Illinois	Oct. 31, 1985	June 2, 1958
Mabel	6'10"	568	Harlem, New York	1991	Feb. 14
Akira Maeda	6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	223	Osaka, Japan	Aug. 1978	Jan. 24, 1959
Dean Malenko	5'9"	216	Tampa, Florida	1979	Aug. 4
Joe Malenko	5'11"	225	Tampa, FL	1975	June 4, 1956
Man Mountain Rock	6'6"	350	Iowa City, Iowa	June 1987	Oct. 3, 1961
Dutch Mantel	5'11"	224	Oil Trough, Texas	1973	N/A
Johnny Mantell	N/A	260	Dallas, Texas	N/A	N/A
Steve Marino	N/A	227	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Rick Martel	6'	236	Quebec City, Quebec	June 7, 1972	March 18
Sherri Martel	5'7"	132	New Orleans, LA	1982	Feb. 8
Mil Mascaras	5'11"	245	Mexico City, Mexico	1964	N/A
Madd Maxxine	5'9"	190	N/A	1994	N/A
Wahoo McDaniel	5'11"	280	Midland, Texas	1961	June 19
Meng	6'	294	Tonga	1977	N/A
Waylon Mercy	6'8"	290	Griffin, Georgia	1983	Oct. 14
Metal Maniac	6'2"	268	parts unknown	Nov. 1991	N/A
Anthony Michaels	N/A	227	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Chris Michaels	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	223	Oakdale, New York	1989	N/A
Devon Michaels	N/A	231	Dallas, Texas	N/A	N/A

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Shawn Michaels	6'	234	San Antonio, Texas	1983	July 22
Rey Mysterio Jr.	5'3"	140	San Diego, California	1991	N/A
Mitsuharu Misawa	5'11"	228	Saitama, Japan	1980	N/A
Mo	6'1"	285	Harlem, New York	1991	April 13
Mongolian Mauler	6'2"	303	Mongolia	1984	Sept. 2
Mongolian Stomper	6'2"	239	Mongolia	1963	Nov. 2
Aldo Montoya	6'	225	Lisbon, Portugal	1992	N/A
Moondog Rex	N/A	289	parts unknown	N/A	May 4
Moondog Spot	6'2"	298	parts unknown	1976	June 6
Rick Morton	5'11"	228	Memphis, Tennessee	1979	Sept. 21, 1960
Mr. Motion	6'	220	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	N/A	N/A
Don Muraco	6'4"	274	Sunset Beach, Hawaii	1970	Sept. 10
Dick Murdoch	6'4"	287	Waxahachie, Texas	1969	Aug. 16
The Great Muta	6'1"	245	Tokyo, Japan	Oct. 5, 1984	Dec. 23, 1962
Hack Myers	6'2"	269	Baltimore, Maryland	N/A	N/A
Kendo Nagasaki	6'	248	Singapore	1971	Sept. 26, 1948
Nailz	6'5"	271	Oakland, California	1985	April 17
Jim Neidhart	6'1"	275	Tampa, Florida	1979	Feb. 8
New Jack	6'	225	Atlanta, Georgia	1992	N/A
Osamu Nishimura	6'2"	225	Tokyo, Japan	1991	July 23
Akira Nogami	5'9"	216	Oita, Japan	Oct. 12, 1984	March 13, 1966
Charlie Norris	6'7"	285	Red Lake, Minnesota	Dec. 3, 1989	Oct. 21, 1965
Scott Norton	6'3"	360	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1988	N/A
Ray Odyssey	5'10"	225	San Diego, California	N/A	Jan. 31
Atsushi Onita	5'9"	218	N/A	1974	N/A
Paul Orndorff	5'11"	253	Brandon, Florida	1976	Oct. 29, 1949
Bob Orton	6'1"	245	Kansas City, Missouri	1972	Nov. 10
Dallas Page	6'5"	260	Tampa, Florida	1991	April 5
Bull Pain	6'2"	266	Columbia, South Carolina	1990	N/A
La Parka	6'1"	235	N/A	1987	N/A
Iceman Parsons	5'10"	245	St. Louis, Missouri	1979	N/A
The Patriot	6'4"	251	Columbia, South Carolina	1988	N/A
Al Perez	6'1"	239	Tampa, Florida	1981	July 23
Miguel Perez Jr.	6'1"	232	Carolina, Puerto Rico	1986	N/A
Brian Pillman	6'	226	Cincinnati, Ohio	Nov. 25, 1986	May 22
Pit Bull Psycho Mike	6'3"	227	Penny Pot, New Jersey	N/A	N/A
Sgt. Craig Pittman	6'2"	270	Parris Island, SC	Feb. 5, 1994	N/A
Lanny Poffo	6'	228	Downer's Grove, Illinois	1973	Dec. 28
Alex Porteau	5'10"	235	Dallas, Texas	1988	N/A
Rod Price	6'2"	265	Los Angeles, California	1989	N/A
Tom Prichard	5'10"	220	Houston, Texas	1978	Aug. 18
Psicosis	5'10"	200	Tijuana, Mexico	1991	N/A

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Ivan Putski	5'10"	242	Krakow, Poland	1971	Jan. 21
Scott Putski	6'	235	Austin, Texas	1986	N/A
John Rambo	6'2"	260	N/A	1987	N/A
Razor Ramon	6'8"	290	Miami, Florida	Oct. 1984	Oct. 20
Raven	6'1"	235	Short Hills, New Jersey	Feb. 20, 1988	Sept. 8
Stevie Ray	6'1"	265	Harlem, New York	1989	Aug. 22, 1958
Butch Reed	6'2"	265	Kansas City, Missouri	1978	July 11, 1954
Lord Steven Regal	6'4"	247	Blackpool, England	Aug. 1986	May 10, 1968
Ron Reis	7'2"	360	San Jose, California	March 12, 1994	Nov. 18
The Renegade	5'10"	256	parts unknown	March 19, 1995	N/A
Tommy Rich	6'	248	Hendersonville, Tennessee	1974	July 26, 1956
Steve Richards	6'2"	227	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Feb. 25, 1992	Oct. 9, 1971
Rocco Rock	6'2"	251	Compton, California	1978	Sept. 1
Rock 'n' Roll Phantom	N/A	245	parts unknown	N/A	N/A
Rockin' Rebel	5'9"	219	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1988	N/A
Bubba Rogers	6'6"	310	Cobb County, Georgia	1985	Aug. 10
Tommy Rogers	5'9"	222	St. Petersburg, Florida	1980	May 14
Paul Roma	5'11"	235	Kensington, Kentucky	1986	April 29, 1959
Axl Rotten	6'2"	302	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1988	N/A
Ian Rotten	6'	281	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1990	N/A
Jacques Rougeau	6'2"	253	Montreal, Quebec	N/A	June 13
Pierre Rougeau	5'11"	250	Montreal, Quebec	N/A	N/A
Sabu	6'	220	Bombay, India	1985	Dec. 12
Mustafa Saed	6'1"	244	Atlanta, Georgia	1992	N/A
Jerry Sags	6'3"	290	Allentown, Pennsylvania	1985	July 5
Hiro Saito	5'9"	237	Kanagawa, Japan	May 25, 1961	May 25
Masa Saito	5'11"	265	Tokyo, Japan	Sept. 10, 1965	Aug. 7, 1942
Seiji Sakaguchi	6'6"	275	Fukukoa, Japan	Feb. 1967	N/A
David Sammartino	5'8"	225	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	1980	Sept. 29
Mike Samples	6'2"	252	N/A	1991	N/A
Samu	6'4"	260	Samoa	1981	Jan. 29
The Sandman	6'3"	244	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1989	N/A
Ricky Santana	5'10"	235	Orlando, Florida	1982	N/A
Tito Santana	6'1"	245	Toluca, Mexico	1975	May 10
El Hijo Del Santo	5'6"	170	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kensuke Sasaki	5'10"	233	Tokyo, Japan	Feb. 16, 1986	Aug. 4
The Great Suke	5'8"	185	N/A	1990	N/A
Randy Savage	6'2"	237	Sarasota, Florida	Nov. 1973	Nov. 15, 1952
Joe Savoldi	6'	220	Parsippany, New Jersey	1982	July 24
Dan Severn	6'2"	265	Detroit, Michigan	1991	June 9
Ken Shamrock	6'	220	N/A	1989	N/A
Shark	6'4"	462	Montreal, Quebec	1988	June 22

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The Sheik	5'11"	233	Saudi Arabia	1960	N/A
Shinobi	N/A	237	parts unknown	N/A	N/A
Misty Blue Simmes	5'6"	118	Glens Falls, New York	1984	N/A
Ron Simmons	6'2"	260	Perry, Georgia	Oct. 1986	May 15
Abbudah Singh	6'2"	310	Singapore	1992	N/A
Skip	5'8"	226	Carteret, New Jersey	1986	N/A
Dick Slater	6'1"	235	Tampa, Florida	1970	May 19
Sgt. Slaughter	6'3"	310	Parris Island, South Carolina	1972	Aug. 27
Davey Boy Smith	5'9"	245	Leeds, England	1978	Nov. 27, 1962
J.T. Smith	6'2 1/2"	238	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	June 9, 1990	N/A
Johnny Smith	6'	235	Manchester, England	1982	N/A
Tracey Smothers	6'1"	227	Atlanta, Georgia	1982	Sept. 2
Al Snow	6'1"	232	Lima, Ohio	1982	N/A
Jimmy Snuka	6'	250	Fiji Islands	1969	May 18, 1943
George South	6'2"	234	N/A	1982	N/A
Spellbinder	6'4"	273	parts unknown	1992	N/A
Vic Steamboat	6'1"	235	Honolulu, Hawaii	Dec. 7, 1986	N/A
Rick Steiner	5'11"	248	Detroit, Michigan	1983	March 9
Scott Steiner	6'1"	235	Detroit, Michigan	1986	July 29
Tony Stetson	5'10"	238	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1985	N/A
Sting	6'2"	260	Venice Beach, California	1985	March 20
Devon Storm	6'2"	232	Pacific Palisades, California	March 1993	N/A
Lance Storm	N/A	231	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Exotic Adrian Street	5'7"	236	South Wales	1961	Dec. 5, 1941
Scott Studd	N/A	224	Atlanta, Georgia	N/A	N/A
Dave Sullivan	6'3"	283	Boston, Massachusetts	1991	Dec. 1
Kevin Sullivan	5'10"	252	Boston, Massachusetts	1970	Oct. 26, 1949
Sumito	6'3"	288	N/A	1991	N/A
Nobuhiko Takada	6'1"	231	Yokohama, Japan	March 1980	April 12, 1962
Pat Tanaka	5'10"	226	Tokyo, Japan	1985	Aug. 5
Tatanka	6'1"	250	Pembroke, North Carolina	Jan. 13, 1990	June 8
John Tatum	6'2"	236	Hollywood, California	1983	N/A
Akira Taue	6'5"	265	Tokyo, Japan	1988	N/A
Chaz Taylor	6'1"	217	Dallas, Texas	April 11, 1988	N/A
Terry Taylor	6'1"	225	Vero Beach, Florida	1979	Aug. 12
Taz	5'11"	221	Massapequa, NY	June 3, 1987	Oct. 11
Genichiro Tenryu	6'1"	235	Katsuyama, Japan	1976	Feb. 2, 1950
Jumbo Tsuruta	6'3"	260	Yamanashi, Japan	March 24, 1973	March 25, 1951
Typhoon	6'7"	384	Tampa, Florida	1984	Aug. 10
Ubas	5'8"	200	Bombay, India	N/A	N/A
Ultimate Warrior	6'3"	280	Queens, New York	1985	June 16
Ultimo Dragon	5'7"	175	N/A	1985	N/A

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The Undertaker	6'9"	328	parts unknown	1989	March 24
Luna Vachon	5'5"	150	Montreal, Quebec	N/A	N/A
Big Van Vader	6'5"	450	Denver, Colorado	1986	May 14, 1956
Greg Valentine	6'	243	Seattle, Washington	1968	Sept. 20
Jimmy Valiant	6'3"	251	New York, New York	1969	N/A
Marc Valiant	N/A	231	Dallas, Texas	N/A	N/A
Vampire Warrior	6'3"	256	parts unknown	N/A	N/A
Rob Van Dam	6'	227	Battle Creek, Michigan	June 1991	N/A
Savio Vega	5'11"	250	Vega Alta, Puerto Rico	1986	N/A
Sid Vicious	6'8"	318	West Memphis, Arkansas	1987	July 4
Sgt. Victor	N/A	239	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Virgil	5'11"	230	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	1985	June 13
Nikolai Volkoff	6'7"	287	Moscow, Russia	1967	Oct. 14
Kevin Von Erich	6'2"	235	Denton, Texas	Aug. 10, 1976	May 15
Baron Von Raschke	6'2 1/2"	271	Berlin, Germany	1966	N/A
Chris Walker	N/A	231	Atlanta, Georgia	N/A	N/A
P.J. Walker	6'	225	Waterbury, Connecticut	Oct. 16, 1992	Oct. 16, 1973
V.K. Wall Street	6'3"	248	Syracuse, New York	Sept. 22, 1981	March 30
Koko B. Ware	5'9"	229	Union City, Tennessee	1978	June 20
The Warlord	6'5"	360	Chicago, Illinois	1986	March 28
Erik Watts	6'5"	262	Tulsa, Oklahoma	Aug. 27, 1992	N/A
Timothy Well	5'11"	237	Dallas, Texas	1987	N/A
Pez Whatley	5'10"	245	El Paso, Texas	1975	Jan. 10
Mikey Whipwreck	5'7"	187	New York, New York	1994	June 4
Steve Williams	6'1"	265	Norman, Oklahoma	1982	May 14, 1960
Tony Williams	N/A	235	Memphis, Tennessee	N/A	N/A
Kendall Windham	6'5"	220	Sweetwater, Texas	June 11, 1984	N/A
Wolfie D	6'1"	250	parts unknown	1991	N/A
Alex Wright	6'3"	222	Berlin, Germany	1994	May 17
Kazuo Yamazaki	5'10"	182	Tokyo, Japan	1982	Aug. 15, 1962
Dr. Isaac Yankem	6'7"	345	Knoxville, TN	1994	N/A
Yoshiaki Yatsu	5'11"	235	Tokyo, Japan	Dec. 29, 1980	July 19, 1956
Yokozuna	6'4"	589	Samoa	1984	Oct. 2
Tom Zenk	6'2"	237	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1984	Nov. 30
Zodiac	6'4"	273	San Francisco, California	1984	April 21, 1957
Lord Zoltan	5'11"	222	N/A	1976	N/A

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FOR RETIRED WRESTLERS

NAME	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	PRO DEBUT	BIRTHDATE
Ole Anderson	6'1"	256	Minneapolis, MN	1966	Sept. 22
Nick Backwinkel	6'1"	245	Beverly Hills, CA	1954	Dec. 6, 1934
Ted DiBiase	6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	247	Omaha, Nebraska	June 1975	Jan. 19, 1954
Greg Gagne	6'1"	220	Robbinsdale, MN	1973	July 27, 1948
Verne Gagne	5'11"	218	Robbinsdale, Minnesota	May 10, 1948	May 10
Superstar Graham	6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	265	Paradise Valley, AZ	1969	Sept. 10
Curt Hennig	6'3"	235	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1980	March 28
Austin Idol	6'1"	240	Tampa, Florida	1972	Oct. 26, 1949
Ivan Koloff	5'11"	249	Moscow, Russia	1961	Aug. 25
Nikita Koloff	6'2"	275	Moscow, Russia	June 6, 1984	March 9
Stan Lane	6'1"	225	Myrtle Beach, SC	1978	Aug. 5
Magnum T.A.	6'1"	245	Chesapeake, VA	1980	June 11
Fabulous Moolah	5'5"	138	Columbia, SC	1945	July 22
Pedro Morales	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	240	Culebra, Puerto Rico	1958	Nov. 3, 1942
Blackjack Mulligan	6'7"	310	Sweetwater, TX	1969	Nov. 26
Ken Patera	6'1"	256	Portland, OR	1972	Nov. 6
Roddy Piper	6'2"	247	Glasgow, Scotland	1973	April 17, 1951
Harley Race	6'1"	268	Kansas City, MO	Oct. 1959	N/A
Dusty Rhodes	6'1"	302	Austin, Texas	Nov. 1969	Oct. 12, 1945
Wendi Richter	5'8"	142	Dallas, TX	1977	Sept. 6
Jake Roberts	6'5"	253	Stone Mountain, Georgia	May 13, 1975	May 30
Rick Rude	6'4"	246	Robbinsdale, Minnesota	1983	Dec. 7
Bruno Sammartino	5'10"	265	Pittsburgh, PA	1959	Oct. 6
Rick Steamboat	6'1"	238	Honolulu, HI	Feb. 15, 1976	Feb. 28, 1953
George Steele	6'2"	280	Detroit, MI	1965	N/A
Jesse Ventura	6'3"	245	Minneapolis, MN	April 1975	July 15
Otto Wanz	6'2"	360	Graz, Austria	1969	N/A
Bill Watts	6'3"	278	Bixby, OK	1961	May 5, 1939
Barry Windham	6'5"	273	Sweetwater, Texas	1980	July 4, 1960
Mr. Wrestling II	6'	247	Atlanta, GA	1955	N/A
Larry Zbyszko	5'11"	248	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	1972	Dec. 5

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NAME	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	PRO DEBUT	BIRTHDATE
Adrian Adonis	5'11"	312	New York, New York	1974	Sept. 15, 1953
Andre The Giant	7'5"	497	Grenoble, France	Jan. 1969	May 19, 1946
Jerry Blackwell	5'11"	474	Stone Mountain, Georgia	1973	April 26, 1942
Dino Bravo	6'1"	256	Montreal, Quebec	1972	Aug. 6
Bruiser Brody	6'4"	284	Albuquerque, New Mexico	1973	June 18, 1946
Eddie Gilbert	5'10"	222	Lexington, Tennessee	April 20, 1979	Aug. 14, 1961
Gino Hernandez	6'	224	Highland Park, Texas	Aug. 1, 1975	1957
Buzz Sawyer	5'11"	240	St. Petersburg, Florida	1979	June 14, 1959
John Studd	6'10"	364	Los Angeles, California	1970	Feb. 19, 1948
Chris Von Erich	5'3"	140	Denton, Texas	June 22, 1990	Sept. 30, 1969
David Von Erich	6'4"	247	Denton, Texas	June 28, 1977	July 22, 1958
Kerry Von Erich	6'3"	265	Denton, Texas	May 7, 1978	Feb. 3, 1960
Mike Von Erich	6'1"	200	Denton, Texas	Nov. 18, 1983	March 2, 1964



MIKE AND KERRY VON ERICH

PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

In this section, you'll find a complete listing of all PWI Achievement Award winners, including three categories that are no longer awarded. We've also provided a comprehensive listing of runners-up (which were first reported in 1976) for all awards.

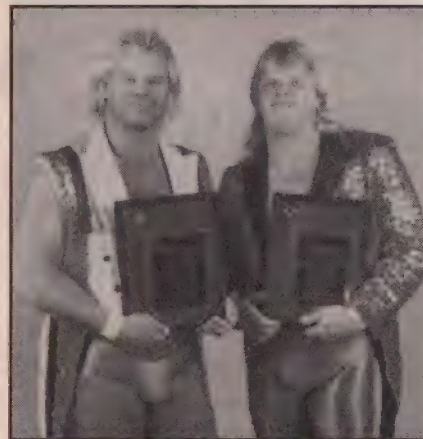
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WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Diesel	Shawn Michaels	Sting	Hulk Hogan
1994	Hulk Hogan	Bret Hart	Razor Ramon	Ric Flair
1993	Big Van Vader	Bret Hart	Shawn Michaels	Yokozuna
1992	Ric Flair	Ron Simmons	Rick Rude	Bret Hart
1991	Hulk Hogan	Lex Luger	Bret Hart	Sting
1990	Sting	Ultimate Warrior	Hulk Hogan	Lex Luger
1989	Ric Flair	Hulk Hogan	Lex Luger	Rick Steamboat
1988	Randy Savage	Jerry Lawler	Lex Luger	Ric Flair
1987	Hulk Hogan	Ric Flair	Randy Savage	Steve Williams
1986	Ric Flair	Hulk Hogan	Randy Savage	Nikita Koloff
1985	Ric Flair	Hulk Hogan	Rick Martel	Sgt. Slaughter
1984	Ric Flair	Hulk Hogan	Kerry Von Erich	Rick Martel
1983	Harley Race	Nick Bockwinkel	Andre the Giant	Bob Backlund
1982	Bob Backlund	Ric Flair	Hulk Hogan	Jimmy Snuka
1981	Ric Flair	Bob Backlund	Tommy Rich	Dusty Rhodes
1980	Bob Backlund	Harley Race	Verne Gagne	The Iron Sheik
1979	Harley Race	Dusty Rhodes	Jimmy Snuka	Bob Backlund
1978	Dusty Rhodes	Bob Backlund	Rick Steamboat	Harley Race
1977	Dusty Rhodes	Superstar Graham	Bob Backlund	Harley Race
1976	Terry Funk	Bruno Sammartino	Nick Bockwinkel	Paul Jones
1975	Mr. Wrestling II			
1974	Bruno Sammartino			
1973	Jack Brisco			
1972	Pedro Morales			

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Harlem Heat	The Smokin' Guns	Owen Hart & Yokozuna	Rick & Scott Steiner
1994	The Nasty Boys	The Headshrinkers	Public Enemy	The Rock 'n' Roll Express
1993	Rick & Scott Steiner	The Hollywood Blonds	Money Inc.	The Heavenly Bodies
1992	Terry Gordy & Steve Williams	The Natural Disasters	Rick & Scott Steiner	Barry Windham & Dustin Rhodes
1991	Larry Zbyszko & Arn Anderson	Legion of Doom	Rick & Scott Steiner	Robert Fuller & Jeff Jarrett
1990	Rick & Scott Steiner	Demolition	Doom	Legion of Doom
1989	Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson	Demolition	The Road Warriors	Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes
1988	The Road Warriors	The Midnight Express	Demolition	Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
1987	The Midnight Express	The Hart Foundation	The Road Warriors	The Rock 'n' Roll Express
1986	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Road Warriors	The British Bulldogs	The Midnight Rockers
1985	The Road Warriors	Ted DiBiase & Steve Williams	Ivan & Nikita Koloff	The British Bulldogs
1984	The Road Warriors	Kerry, Kevin, & Mike Von Erich	The Fabulous Ones	The Rock 'n' Roll Express
1983	The Road Warriors	Kerry, Kevin, & David Von Erich	Michael Hayes, Terry Gordy, & Buddy Roberts	Jack & Jerry Brisco
1982	Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell	Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito	The Freebirds	Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen
1981	The Fabulous Freebirds	Rick Martel & Tony Garea	Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito	Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell
1980	Jimmy Snuka & Ray Stevens	Mr. Wrestling & Mr. Wrestling II	The Samoans	Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon
1979	Ivan Putski & Tito Santana	Jerry & Johnny Valiant	Paul Jones & Baron Von Raschke	The Spoiler & Mark Lewin



THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS



THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS

1978	Rick Steamboat & Paul Jones	The Yukon Lumberjacks	Mike Graham & Steve Keirn	Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell
1977	Gene & Ole Anderson	Mr. Fuji & Prof. Tanaka	Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell	Ric Flair & Greg Valentine
1976	The Executioners	Gene & Ole Anderson	Billy White Wolf & Chief Jay Strongbow	Jimmy & Johnny Valiant
1975	Gene & Ole Anderson			
1974	Jimmy & Johnny Valiant			
1973	Nick Backwinkel & Ray Stevens			
1972	Bruiser & Crusher			



MARCH 20, 1994: SHAWN MICHAELS VS. RAZOR RAMON

MATCH OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Shawn Michaels vs. Diesel	Shawn Michaels vs. Jeff Jarrett	Harlem Heat vs. Nasty Boys	Psicosis vs. Rey Misterio Jr.
1994	Shawn Michaels vs. Razor Ramon	The Nasty Boys vs. Cactus Jack & Maxx Payne	Ric Flair vs. Hulk Hogan	Alundra Blayze vs. Bull Nakano
1993	Shawn Michaels vs. Marty Jannetty	Steiners vs. Heavenly Bodies	Rick Rude vs. Dustin Rhodes	Cactus Jack vs. Big Van Vader
1992	Davey Boy Smith vs. Bret Hart	Brian Pillman vs. Jushin Liger	Royal Rumble	Rick Steamboat vs. Rick Rude
1991	The Steiners vs. Sting & Lex Luger	Bret Hart vs. Curt Hennig	Lex Luger vs. Ron Simmons	Cactus Jack vs. Eddie Gilbert
1990	Hulk Hogan vs. Ultimate Warrior (Warrior wins WWF World title)	Sting vs. Ric Flair	Hulk Hogan vs. Earthquake	Royal Rumble
1989	Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat (Flair wins his sixth NWA World title)	Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage	Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat	Eric Embry vs. P.Y. Chu-Hi

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1988	Andre the Giant vs. Hulk Hogan (Andre wins WWF World title)	Sting vs. Ric Flair	Jerry Lawler vs. Curt Hennig	Ultimate Warrior vs. Honky Tonk Man
1987	Rick Steamboat vs. Randy Savage (Steamboat wins WWF I-C title)	War Games/ The Match Beyond I	Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant	Ronnie Garvin vs. Ric Flair
1986	Dusty Rhodes vs. Ric Flair (Dusty wins NWA World title at Great American Bash)	The British Bulldogs vs. Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake	The Road Warriors vs. Ronnie Garvin & Magnum T.A.	Hulk Hogan vs. Paul Orndorff
1985	Hulk Hogan & Mr. T vs. Roddy Piper & Paul Orndorff (WrestleMania I)	The Road Warriors vs. Ivan & Nikita Koloff	Ric Flair vs. Nikita Koloff	Rick Martel vs. Bob Backlund
1984	Kerry Von Erich vs. Ric Flair (Von Erich captures NWA World title)	Rick Martel vs. Jumbo Tsuruta	Hulk Hogan vs. The Iron Sheik	Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat
1983	Harley Race vs. Ric Flair (Race wins seventh NWA World title)	Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood vs. Sgt. Slaughter & Don Kernodle	Don Muraco vs. Pedro Morales	Tommy Rich vs. Buzz Sawyer
1982	Bob Backlund vs. Jimmy Snuka (cage match)	Bob Backlund vs. Ric Flair	Nick Bockwinkel vs. Otto Wanz	Nick Bockwinkel vs. Otto Wanz
1981	Andre the Giant vs. Killer Khan	Ric Flair vs. Dusty Rhodes	Bob Backlund vs. Don Muraco	Michael Hayes vs. Terry Gordy
1980	Bruno Sammartino vs. Larry Zbyszko (cage match)	Andre the Giant vs. Hulk Hogan	Verne Gagne vs. Nick Bockwinkel	Dusty Rhodes vs. Bob Backlund



MAY 6, 1984: KERRY VON ERICH VS. RIC FLAIR

1979	Dusty Rhodes vs. Harley Race (Rhodes wins NWA World title)	Bob Backlund vs. Pat Patterson	Nick Backwinkel vs. Bob Backlund	Mr. Wrestling II vs. Ernie Ladd
1978	Bob Backlund vs. Superstar Graham (Backlund wins WWF World title)	Blackjack Mulligan vs. Ric Flair	Dusty Rhodes vs. Superstar Graham (bullrope match)	Rick Steamboat vs. Ric Flair
1977	Superstar Graham vs. Bruno Sammartino (Graham wins WWF World title)	Dusty Rhodes vs. Superstar Graham	Andre the Giant vs. Ric Flair	Greg Gagne vs. Bob Backlund
1976	Bruno Sammartino vs. Stan Hansen	Terry Funk vs. Rocky Johnson	Nick Backwinkel vs. Baron Von Raschke	Andre the Giant vs. Abdullah the Butcher
1975	Bruno Sammartino vs. Spiros Arion			
1974	Dory Funk Jr. vs. Jack Brisco			
1973	Harley Race vs. Dory Funk Jr. (Race wins first NWA World title)			
1972	Bruno Sammartino wins 22-man Los Angeles battle royal			

FEUD OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Axl Rotten vs. Ian Rotten	Harlem Heat vs. Nasty Boys	Jeff Jarrett vs. Razor Ramon	Ric Flair vs. Randy Savage
1994	Bret Hart vs. Owen Hart	Hulk Hogan vs. Ric Flair	Randy Savage vs. Crush	Sabu vs. Terry Funk
1993	Bret Hart vs. Jerry Lawler	Rick Rude vs. Dustin Rhodes	Cactus Jack vs. Big Van Vader	Tony Anthony vs. Tracey Smothers
1992	The Moondogs vs. Jeff Jarrett & Jerry Lawler	Ric Flair vs. Randy Savage	Ultimate Warrior vs. Papa Shango	Rick Rude vs. Rick Steamboat
1991	Ultimate Warrior vs. The Undertaker	Hulk Hogan vs. Sgt. Slaughter	Sting vs. Cactus Jack & Abdullah the Butcher	Lex Luger vs. Ron Simmons



BRET HART VS. OWEN HART

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1990	Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger	Hulk Hogan vs. Earthquake	Ultimate Warrior vs. Rick Rude	Chris Adams vs. Steve Austin
1989	Ric Flair vs. Terry Funk	Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage	Akbar's Army vs. Eric Embry	Roddy Piper vs. Rick Rude
1988	Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger	Rick Rude vs. Jake Roberts	Kerry Von Erich vs. Jerry Lawler	Hulk Hogan & Randy Savage vs. Ted DiBiase & Andre the Giant
1987	Four Horsemen vs. Superpowers & Road Warriors	Randy Savage vs. Rick Steamboat	Jerry Lawler vs. Tommy Rich & Austin Idol	Brian Adias vs. Kevin Von Erich
1986	Hulk Hogan vs. Paul Orndorff	Ric Flair vs. Dusty Rhodes	The Shepherders vs. The Fantastics	The Midnight Express vs. The Rock 'n' Roll Express

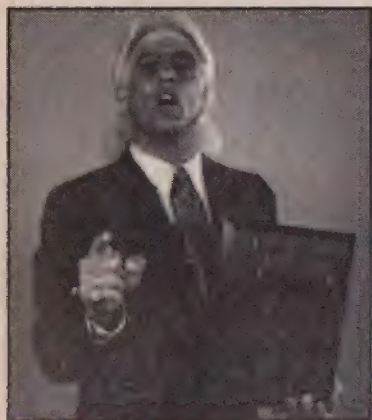


DUSTY RHODES (AND FRIENDS)

MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Shawn Michaels	Sting	Diesel	Hulk Hogan
1994	Sting	Bret Hart	The Undertaker	Hulk Hogan
1993	Lex Luger	Sting	Bret Hart	Dustin Rhodes
1992	Sting	The Ultimate Warrior	The Undertaker	Ron Simmons
1991	Sting	Hulk Hogan	Sid Justice	Rick & Scott Steiner
1990	Hulk Hogan	Sting	Ultimate Warrior	Lex Luger
1989	Hulk Hogan	Ric Flair	Sting	Ultimate Warrior
1988	Randy Savage	Hulk Hogan	Sting	Lex Luger
1987	Dusty Rhodes	Hulk Hogan	Randy Savage	Nikita Koloff
1986	Roddy Piper	Hulk Hogan	Rick Morton	Nikita Koloff
1985	Hulk Hogan	Magnum T.A.	Kerry Von Erich	Tito Santana
1984	Kerry Von Erich	Hulk Hogan	Dusty Rhodes	Sgt. Slaughter

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1983	Jimmy Snuka	Dusty Rhodes	David Von Erich	Junkyard Dog
1982	Andre the Giant	Tommy Rich	Hulk Hogan	Dusty Rhodes
1981	Tommy Rich	Bob Backlund	Andre the Giant	Dusty Rhodes
1980	Mr. Wrestling II	Dusty Rhodes	Andre the Giant	Bruno Sammartino
1979	Dusty Rhodes	Andre the Giant	Ivan Putski	Mr. Wrestling II
1978	Dusty Rhodes	Andre the Giant	Rick Steamboat	Bob Backlund
1977	Andre the Giant	Dusty Rhodes	Bob Backlund	Mil Mascaras
1976	Wahoo McDaniel	Chief Jay Strongbow	Mr. Wrestling II	Ivan Putski
1975	Mil Mascaras			
1974	Billy Robinson			
1973	Chief Jay Strongbow			
1972	Jack Brisco/Fred Curry (tie)			



RIC FLAIR



RICK RUDE

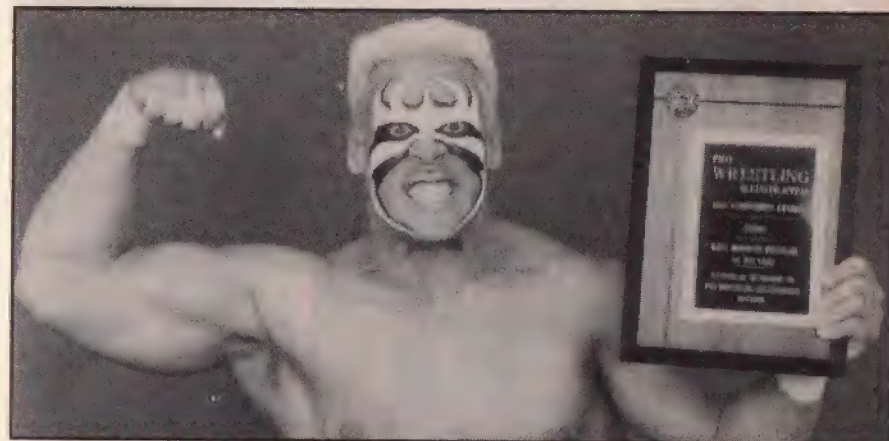
MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Jerry Lawler	Kevin Sullivan	The Gangstas	Davey Boy Smith
1994	Bob Backlund	Owen Hart	Big Van Vader	Jerry Lawler
1993	Jerry Lawler	Big Van Vader	Yokozuna	Shawn Michaels
1992	Rick Rude	Ric Flair	Jake Roberts	The Moondogs
1991	Sgt. Slaughter	The Undertaker	Lex Luger	Jake Roberts
1990	Earthquake	Ric Flair	Rick Rude	Eddie Gilbert
1989	Randy Savage	Terry Funk	Rick Rude	Lex Luger
1988	Andre the Giant	Barry Windham	Eddie Gilbert	Ted DiBiase
1987	Ric Flair	Andre the Giant	Honky Tonk Man	Lex Luger
1986	Paul Orndorff	Ric Flair	Col. DeBeers	Rick Rude
1985	Roddy Piper	Chris Adams	Ted DiBiase	John Studd
1984	Roddy Piper	Kevin Sullivan	Tully Blanchard	The Iron Sheik
1983	Greg Valentine	Masked Superstar	Kevin Sullivan	Michael Hayes
1982	Ted DiBiase	Blackjack Mulligan	Superstar Graham	Buzz Sawyer
1981	Ken Patera	Don Muraco	Nick Bockwinkel	Roddy Piper
1980	Larry Zbyszko	Greg Valentine	Ernie Ladd	Hulk Hogan

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1979	Greg Valentine	Terry Funk	Ken Patera	Ivan Koloff
1978	Ric Flair	Ken Patera	Victor Rivera	Bob Orton Jr.
1977	Ken Patera	Ric Flair	Superstar Graham	Nick Bockwinkel
1976	Stan Hansen	Ox Baker	Terry Funk	The Spoiler
1975	Greg Valentine			
1974	The Great Mephisto			
1973	Superstar Graham			
1972	The Sheik			

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Diamond Dallas Page	Tommy Dreamer	Harlem Heat	Savio Vega
1994	Diesel	Johnny B. Badd	Sabu	Owen Hart
1993	Yokozuna	The Kid	Brian Lee	Tatanka
1992	Razor Ramon	Ron Simmons	Virgil	Brian Christopher
1991	Dustin Rhodes	Ron Simmons	The Undertaker	Crush
1990	Paul Roma	Doom	Tugboat	Cactus Jack
1989	Scott Steiner	Brutus Beefcake	Jeff Jarrett	P.Y. Chu-Hi
1988	Sting	The Ultimate Warrior	Ice Man Parsons	Jeff Jarrett
1987	Curt Hennig	Al Perez	Honky Tonk Man	Sting
1986	Terry Gordy	Scott Hall	Sam Houston	Wendell Cooley
1985	Steve Williams	Brian Adias	Nikita Koloff	Randy Savage
1984	Billy Jack Haynes	Magnum T.A.	Rick Martel	Ronnie Garvin
1983	Brett Wayne Sawyer	Mike Rotundo	Pez Whatley	Brad Rheingans
1982	Barry Windham	Otto Wanz	Buzz Sawyer	Rick Martel
1981	Kevin Sullivan	Sgt. Slaughter	Charlie Cook	Tito Santana
1980	Tony Atlas	Larry Zbyszko	Ted DiBiase	Kerry Von Erich
1979	Tommy Rich	Eddy Mansfield	Kevin Von Erich	Ted DiBiase
1978	Dino Bravo	Bob Backlund	Rick Steamboat	Tony Atlas



STING

COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Randy Savage	Heavenly Bodies	Savio Vega	Ultimate Warrior
1994	Hulk Hogan	Bob Backlund	The Undertaker	Alundra Blayze
1993	Lex Luger	Brutus Beefcake	Ric Flair	Paul Roma
1992	Ultimate Warrior	Bob Backlund	The Sheik	Junkyard Dog

INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Barry Horowitz	Sabu	Antonio Inoki	Dan Severn
1994	Bret Hart	Terry Funk	The Guardian Angel	Dave Sullivan
1993	Cactus Jack	Lex Luger	The Kid	Brutus Beefcake
1992	Ron Simmons	The Undertaker	Rick Steamboat	Eric Embry
1991	The Patriot	Jerry Lawler	Sid Justice	Bill Dundee
1990	Sting	Hulk Hogan	Jerry Lawler	Nikolai Volkoff
1989	Eric Embry	Nikita Koloff	Billy Jack Haynes	Ric Flair
1988	Jerry Lawler	Kerry Von Erich	Road Warrior Animal	Jake Roberts
1987	Nikita Koloff	Dynamite Kid	Chris Adams	Superstar Graham
1986	Chris Adams	Magnum T.A.	Kerry Von Erich	Steve Williams
1985	Mike Von Erich	Paul Omdorff	Hacksaw Duggan	Kevin Von Erich
1984	Sgt. Slaughter	Kerry Von Erich	Kevin Von Erich	Bob Backlund
1983	Hulk Hogan	Roddy Piper	Buzz Sawyer	Buddy Rose
1982	Roddy Piper	Jimmy Snuka	Mil Mascaras	Jimmy Valiant
1981	Bob Backlund	Ted DiBiase	Tito Santana	Mr. Wrestling II
1980	Junkyard Dog	Rick Steamboat	Verne Gagne	Mr. Florida
1979	Chief Jay Strongbow	Ric Flair	Mr. Wrestling II	Dusty Rhodes
1978	Blackjack Mulligan	Bruno Sammartino	Mr. Wrestling II	Jim Brunzell
1977	Bob Backlund	Don Muraco	Bruno Sammartino	Terry Funk
1976	Bruno Sammartino	Wahoo McDaniel	Bob Roop	Bob Armstrong
1975	Mike McCord			
1974	Dick Murdoch			
1973	Johnny Valentine			
1972	Lord Al Hays			



NIKITA KOLOFF



RODDY PIPER



MIKE VON ERICH



MADUSA MICELI



MIKE ENOS & WAYNE BLOOM



ANGELO MOSCA JR.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Alex Wright	Sgt. Craig Pittman	Lawrence Taylor	Madd Maxxine
1994	911	Bob Holly	Abbudah Singh	Mikey Whipwreck
1993	Vampire Warrior	Robbie Eagle	The Coles	The Headhunters
1992	Erik Watts	Diamond Dallas Page	Vladimir Koloff	Chaz
1991	Johnny B. Badd	The Patriot	Terri Power	Lightning Kid
1990	Steve Austin	El Gigante	Brad Anderson	Chris Chavis
1989	Mike Enos & Wayne Bloom	Dustin Rhodes	Scolty the Body	Johnathan Holliday
1988	Madusa Miceli	Chris Benoit	Max Pain	Scott Steiner
1987	Owen Hart	Bubba Rogers	Shane Douglas	Doug Furnas
1986	Lex Luger	Bam Bam Bigelow	Sting	Tom Magee
1985	Nord the Barbarian	Kendall Windham	Dan Spivey	Sam Houston
1984	Mike Von Erich	Nikita Koloff	Krusher Khrushchev	Kevin Kelly
1983	Angelo Mosca Jr.	King Kong Bundy	Scott Armstrong	Arn Anderson
1982	Brad Armstrong	Tiger Mask	Mike Rotundo	Kamala
1981	David Sammartino	Brad Rheingans	Curt Hennig	Ron Richie
1980	Terry Taylor	Barry Windham	Rick McGraw	Tom Prichard
1979	Sweet Brown Sugar	Steve Travis	Bryan St. John	Eddie Gilbert
1978	Tommy Rich	Jay Youngblood	David Von Erich	Tully Blanchard
1977	Rick Steamboat	Jimmy Snuka	John Studd	Skip Young
1976	Bob Backlund	Chavo Guerrero	Steve Keirn	Johnny Rivera
1975	Ric Flair			
1974	Larry Zbyszko			
1973	Cowboy Bob Orton/Tony Garea (tie)			
1972	Mike Graham			

COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Randy Savage	Heavenly Bodies	Savio Vega	Ultimate Warrior
1994	Hulk Hogan	Bob Backlund	The Undertaker	Alundra Blayze
1993	Lex Luger	Brutus Beefcake	Ric Flair	Paul Roma
1992	Ultimate Warrior	Bob Backlund	The Sheik	Junkyard Dog

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1995	Jim Cornette	Sherri Martel	Col. Robert Parker	Woman
1994	Jimmy Hart	Ted DiBiase	Col. Robert Parker	Paul E. Dangerously
1993	Jim Cornette	Harley Race	Mr. Fuji	Tammy Fytch
1992	Paul E. Dangerously	Curt Hennig	Harley Race	Jim Cornette
1991	Bobby Heenan	Harley Race	Alexandra York	Paul Bearer
1990	Teddy Long	Bobby Heenan	Ole Anderson	Jim Cornette
1989	Bobby Heenan	Gary Hart	Teddy Long	Gen. Skandor Akbar
1988	J.J. Dillon	Elizabeth	Jim Cornette	Paul E. Dangerously
1987	Jimmy Hart	J.J. Dillon	Jim Cornette	Paul E. Dangerously
1986	Capt. Lou Albano	Paul Ellering	Elizabeth	Jim Cornette
1985	Jim Cornette	Capt. Lou Albano	Paul Ellering	Bobby Heenan
1984	Paul Ellering	Jimmy Hart	Jim Cornette	James J. Dillon
1983	James J. Dillon	Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie	Capt. Lou Albano	Paul Ellering
1982	James J. Dillon	Arnold Skaaland	Sonny King	Jimmy Hart
1981	Capt. Lou Albano	Arnold Skaaland	Sir Oliver Humperdink	The Grand Wizard
1980	Sir Oliver Humperdink	Arnold Skaaland	Capt. Lou Albano	The Great Mephisto
1979	Arnold Skaaland	Capt. Lou Albano	Buddy Rogers	Sir Oliver Humperdink
1978	Arnold Skaaland	The Grand Wizard	Bobby Heenan	Gary Hart
1977	The Grand Wizard	Bobby Heenan	Capt. Lou Albano	Lord Al Hays
1976	Bobby Heenan	Lou Albano	Fred Blassie	Gary Hart
1975	George "Crybaby" Cannon			
1974	Capt. Lou Albano			
1973	The Grand Wizard			
1972	Bobby Heenan			



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YEAR	WINNER
1995	Rick Steamboat
1994	Capt. Lou Albano
1993	Andre The Giant
1992	Stanley Weston
1991	Fabulous Moolah
1990	Buddy Rogers
1989	Gordon Solie
1988	Bruiser Brody & Adrian Adonis
1987	Paul Boesch
1986	Verne Gagne
1985	Dan Shocket
1984	David Von Erich
1983	The Grand Wizard
1982	Lou Thesz
1981	Bruno Sammartino



STANLEY WESTON

DEFUNCT AWARDS CATEGORIES

GIRL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1972	Maria Laverne			
1973	Joyce Grable			
1974	Rachel Dubois			
1975	Ann Casey			
1976	Sue Green	Kitty Adams	Early Dawn	Vicki Williams

MIDGET WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1972	Little Bruiser			
1973	Little Beaver			
1974	Darlin' Dagmar			
1975	Sky Low Low			
1976	Lord Littlebrook	Sky Low Low	Cowboy Lang	Diamond Lil

ANNOUNCER OF THE YEAR

YEAR	WINNER	1ST RUNNER-UP	2ND RUNNER-UP	3RD RUNNER-UP
1977	Gordon Solie	Vince McMahon	Bill Carlisle	Roger Kent

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

YEAR BY YEAR

In this section, we provide an overview of some of the more memorable dates in wrestling history. For the most part, you won't find the debut dates of wrestlers in this section (check out page 74 for those), nor the dates of major title changes (check out pages 124-159 for those). What you will find, though, are unusual incidents, events, and other fascinating material related to the development of the sport and the public appearances of the stars over the years. Of course, one of the biggest problems in compiling a section such as this is that accurate records on the sport simply have not been maintained over the years, particularly prior to wrestling's acceptance into mainstream American consciousness in the mid-1980s. To assemble this section, we pored through decades of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, published books, *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Weekly newsletters, and much, much more. Undoubtedly, future editions of the PWI ALMANAC will provide many additions to this section. If you have newspaper clippings, magazine articles, or other solid information you feel would be an asset to this year-by-year overview of the sport in next year's PWI ALMANAC, please turn to page 4 for information about where to send it.

1845

May 25: William Muldoon is born in Belfast, New York.

1856

March 16: Duncan Ross, winner of many Police Gazette wrestling titles, is born in Scentii, Turkey.

1873

Wrestling's first masked wrestler enters the ring, in Paris. He is known simply as The Masked Wrestler.

1877

February 6: William Muldoon wins the Greco-Roman championship from French champion Christol in two straight falls of 10 and 17 minutes. He also wins about \$2,000 in side bets.

1878

April 27: Frank Gotch is born on a farm near Humboldt, Iowa.

July 20: George Hackenschmidt, later nicknamed "The Russian Lion," is born in Dorpat, Russia; his mother is Swedish, his father is German.

1880

January 19: William Muldoon defeats Thebaud Bauer at Gilmore's Gardens (later site of Madison Square Garden) in a best-of-three-falls match to emerge with the Greco-Roman championship. The bout draws more than 3,000 fans.

1887

Wrestler William Muldoon faces off against boxer John L. Sullivan before a crowd of about 2,000 in a baseball park in Gloucester, Massachusetts. According to boxing and wrestling historian Nat Fleischer, Muldoon slammed Sullivan, and "the crowd rushed in and stopped the combat."

P.T. Barnum-managed grappler Ed Decker, a relative lightweight at 5'6" and 150 pounds, wins the *Police Gazette* wrestling belt in collar and elbow style.

1896

April 5: Joe Stecher is born in Dodge, Nebraska.

September: George Hackenschmidt makes his wrestling debut.

1897

January 2: Jim Londos is born Chris Theophelos in Argos, Greece. The youngest of 13 children, Londos' father was a Greek amateur champion.

1899

April 2: Frank Gotch makes his pro debut, defeating Marshall Green in Humboldt, Iowa.

1901

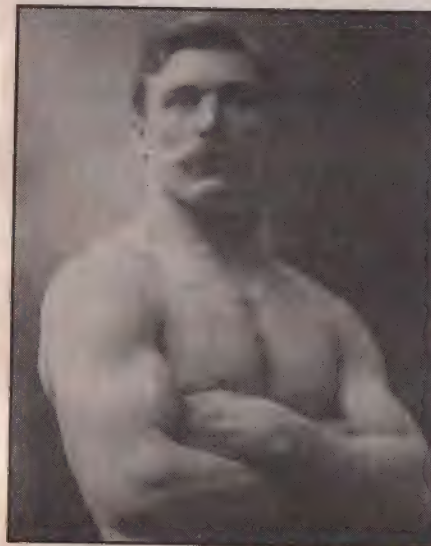
The first tag team matches are held in the United States, in San Francisco.

1903

February 22: "Champion Of America" Tom Jenkins defeats Frank Gotch in Cleveland, Ohio. The match goes two straight falls and lasts approximately 1 hour 45 minutes.

1904

The first National Wrestling Alliance, a casual organization comprised of many regional promoters, is formed.



TOM JENKINS

1905

December 27: Frank Gotch defeats Emil Maupas in the final of a 50-man tournament in Montreal to win the Greco-Roman Championship of Canada; the match went two straight falls, 61 and 22 minutes.

1906

May 23: Frank Gotch defeats "Champion Of America" Tom Jenkins in two straight falls, 14 and 17 minutes.

1908

April 3: Frank Gotch and George Hackenschmidt wrestle each other for the first time ever, at Chicago's Dexter Park Pavilion; promoter W.W. Wittig prices the highest ticket at \$40 a seat.

1909

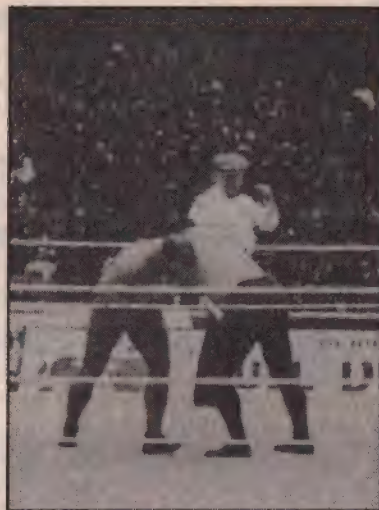
April 14: Frank Gotch, in his first big U.S. match following a U.K. tour, defeats Bulgarian wrestler Yussif Mahmout in two straight falls (8:00, 9:10) at Chicago's Dexter Park Pavilion.

1910

June 1: In what many termed his crowning achievement, World champion Frank Gotch defeats Stanislaus Zbyszko in the first fall of a Chicago contest in 6.4 seconds! The second fall, also won by Gotch, went 27:33; Zbyszko, at the time, was in his prime, and it is his first loss in 945 matches.

1911

September 4: Frank Gotch and George Hackenschmidt wrestle each other at White Sox Ball Park in Chicago. The live gate of \$87,053 (tickets range from \$1 to \$10) is the biggest ever at the time. Gotch wins in straight falls.



SEPTEMBER 4, 1911

1912

October 2: Legendary Texas promoter Paul Boesch is born in Brooklyn, New York.

1913

Frank Gotch announces his retirement.
Earl Caddock wins championships in three amateur classes at the Panama-Pacific Exhibition Olympiad: middleweight, light heavy, and heavyweight.

1915

Gorgeous George is born George Wagner in Nebraska.
April: Earl Caddock wins the national amateur championship.

1917

Jim Londos makes his professional debut.

1925

Vince McMahon's father, Jess McMahon, promotes the first boxing card in the "old" Madison Square Garden.

1929

June 7: The Grand Wizard is born Ernie Roth in Canton, Ohio.

1931

June 29: Arguably wrestling's first sleeperhold is applied by Jim Londos against Ray Steele in the main event of a card at New York's Yankee Stadium that drew a crowd estimated at 21,000 fans. The controversial hold helps Londos win victory at the 1:09:12 mark. "Simply a new hold I've perfected which shuts off the jugular vein," Londos said the next day in the *New York Sun*.

September 15: Boxer Jack Dempsey knocks out wrestler Wild Bill Longson in the first round of a Salt Lake City, Utah, bout in which both men wore gloves.



PAUL BOESCH

1932

October 25: Paul Boesch makes his professional wrestling debut, wrestling and defeating Benny Ginsburg in Staten Island, New York.

1933

Texas passes state laws legalizing and governing boxing and wrestling. Morris Siegel receives the first license issued in both sports.

1934

Boxer Jack Dempsey faces wrestler Cowboy Luttrall in a bout in Atlanta; Ring magazine publisher Nat Fleischer serves as special referee.

August 3: William D. "Haystacks" Calhoun is born in McKinney, Texas.

September 20: Ed "Strangler" Lewis and Jim Londos meet in Chicago's Wrigley Field, wrestling in front of 35,265 fans and drawing a then-record gate of \$96,302.

1935

Jim Crockett Sr. forms Jim Crockett Promotions.
Vince McMahon Sr. promotes his first wrestling card.

1936

Warren Bockwinkel, father of Nick Bockwinkel, spots Lou Thesz training in a gym in St. Louis and introduces him to promoters Tom Packs and Sam Muchnick.
A match between Abe Coleman and Man Mountain Dean draws 36,000 fans.

1937

October 2: The first "Texas tornado" tag team match (in which all four men are in the ring at the same time) is held in Houston, the brainchild of promoter Morris Sigel: Milo Steinborn & Whiskers Savage vs. Tiger Daula & Fazul Mohammed.

1938

While excavating a 5,000-year-old temple near Baghdad, American anthropologists unearth a cast bronze figure of two wrestlers, the oldest known reference to the sport. Paul Boesch helps promote the first mud wrestling match.

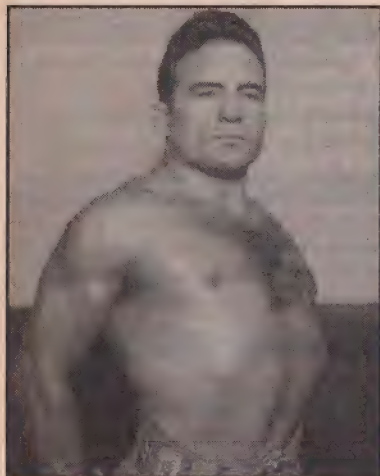
January 23: Shohei "Giant" Baba is born.

1940

July 15: Boxer Jack Dempsey defeats wrestler Bull Curry in 1:05 of the second round of a match in Detroit.

1941

September 21: Jack Brisco is born.



JIM LONDOS

1944

January 21: The City Auditorium in Houston, Texas, hosts one of the most unusual nights of wrestling ever: a joint benefit with wrestlers and the Houston Symphony Orchestra that brought in over a million dollars in war bonds (ringside seats were had for a \$500 war bond purchase). Wild Bill Longson battles Lou Thesz in the main event. A match between Ellis Bashara and Dave Levin is accompanied by a symphonic arrangement by the Orchestra; Bashara, after winning the bout, pushes the conductor aside to lead the Orchestra himself!

1946

Jim Londos retires.

May 19: Andre the Giant is born in Grenoble, France.

June 14: Bruiser Brody is born.

1947

Killer Kowalski makes his pro debut.

Former boxer Tony Galento makes his pro debut, defeating "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers. A New York match between Buddy Rogers and Billy Darnell is such a wild brawl, a ringside fan dies of a heart attack. Both wrestlers are disqualified from New York competition for two years.

Fred Blassie suffers a head injury that places him on the verge of retirement when he is bounced out of the ring by Rudy Dusek.

1948

Portland, Oregon, promoter Don Owen's cards are first aired on television.

Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon represents Canada in wrestling in the Olympic games.

July 19: The current version of the National Wrestling Alliance is formed, in Waterloo, Iowa. The first NWA president is P.L. "Pinkie" George.

1949

Sky Low Low wins a 30-man tournament in Paris to emerge as midget world champion. Antonino Rocca arrives in the U.S.

Verne Gagne turns pro.

January: Paul Boesch announces his first televised wrestling match.

February 22: Gorgeous George headlines the first Madison Square Garden wrestling card in 12 years, against Ernie Dusek; George pins Dusek in 26:57 in front of 4,197 fans. The New York press is not impressed by George's theatrics. One *New York Times* sportswriter writes two days later: "Gorgeous George? Phooey!"

April 20: Primo Carnera's winning streak ends at 321 bouts when he is defeated by Antonino Rocca.

1950

Primo Carnera is thrown off his feet for the first time, by Don Eagle.

Jim Londos comes out of retirement to wrestle Primo Carnera at Chicago's Wrigley Field.

The match draws wrestling's biggest gate of the year: \$54,000.

1951

Japan's first professional wrestling card is held.

1952

The Sheik makes his pro debut.

A Los Angeles match between Lou Thesz and Baron Michele Leone in Los Angeles draws the first \$100,000-plus gate in U.S. wrestling history: \$103,277.

1953

Capt. Lou Albano makes his pro debut in Montreal, Canada, by defeating Bob Lozaro.

March 6: The first brass knuckles match is held, pitting "Irish" Danny McShain against "Wild" Bull Curry. The match, promoted by Paul Boesch in Houston, Texas, is won by Curry.

May 11: New York lifts a state ban on tag team wrestling.

1957

April 1: Danny Hodge appears on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

November 19: Two police officers are injured as a riot in Madison Square Garden ensues following a tag team bout pitting Antonino Rocca and Edouard Carpentier against Dick the Bruiser and Dr. Jerry Graham.

1959

Bruno Sammartino makes his pro debut.

Legendary St. Louis wrestling television program *Wrestling At The Chase* (named after the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, where matches initially were held) makes its debut broadcast.

October 7: "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers faces "Jersey" Joe Walcott in a wrestler-boxer contest at The Forum in Montreal.

1961

March 4: Promoter Roy Shire presents his first wrestling card at San Francisco's famed Cow Palace.



NOVEMBER 7, 1962

1962

August 2: Bruno Sammartino is awarded the NWA World title after defeating champion Buddy Rogers in Toronto, Ontario, but refuses to accept the title because Rogers had wrestled with an injury.

November 7: As the result of losing a hair vs. mask match to The Destroyer at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, Gorgeous George is shaved bald.

1963

January 24: Lou Thesz defeats NWA World champion Buddy Rogers in one fall in Toronto, Ontario. Promoters in the Northeast dispute the decision, break away from the NWA, and form the World Wide Wrestling Federation (WWWF), which later is renamed the WWE.

April 15: Lou Thesz pins "Jersey" Joe Walcott in 1:30 of the fourth round of a wrestler-boxer bout in Memphis.

April 27: Dick the Bruiser defeats football player Alex Karras in 11:21 of a bout held before approximately 10,000 fans at the Olympia in Detroit. Bruiser suffers a five-stitch wound over his right eye in the match.

October 15: Bobo Brazil vs. Tino Tim Anderson marks the first professional bout involving black male wrestlers in Tampa, Florida.



APRIL 27, 1963

1964

Andre the Giant makes his pro debut.

Mil Mascaras makes his pro debut.

March 11: Antonio Inoki makes his U.S. debut, in Honolulu.

1965

Jack Brisco, representing Oklahoma State, captures the NCAA wrestling title in the 191-pound class.

June 5: Jack Brisco makes his pro debut, defeating Terry Garvin in 14 minutes in Oklahoma City.

1968

February 19: In the main event of the first wrestling card at the "new" Madison Square Garden, Bruno Sammartino defeats Bull Ramos.

1970

Jim Londos is cited by President Nixon for his charitable activities; he also is bestowed the Golden Cross Order of Greece by King Paul.

January: The first of the celebrated annual battle royal bouts at Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium is held. Rocky Johnson outlasts the rest of the 22-man field to capture \$11,000.

June 11: The first-ever wrestling card at the Louisville Gardens is held.

1971

Bob Backlund captures the NCAA Division II 190-pound amateur wrestling championship at North Dakota State.

June 1: Andre the Giant makes his Canadian debut at Verdun in Quebec.

1972

Ken Patera represents the U.S. at the Olympic Games in super heavyweight weightlifting.

March: Japan-based New Japan Pro Wrestling is formed. At the time, its top stars include Antonio Inoki, Osamu Kido, and Tatsumi Fujinami.

October: Japan-based All-Japan Pro Wrestling, featuring such stars as Shohei "Giant" Baba, Motoshi Okuma, Akio Sato, and Mitsuo Momota, holds its first card.

December 18: Mil Mascaras becomes the first masked wrestler to compete in New York's Madison Square Garden. Ironically, he defeats The Spoiler, who had previously been denied the right to compete with his mask in New York.

1973

March: Jim Duggan captures the New York State high school wrestling championship in the 250-pound division.

1974

February 16: In a battle of pro football stars in Cincinnati, Ohio, Cincinnati Bengals line-backer Ron Pritchard defeats Cleveland Browns tackle Walter Johnson by disqualification.

1975

October 4: Ric Flair suffers a broken back when the Cessna 310 he is riding in crashes near Wilmington, North Carolina. Also on the plane: Johnny Valentine, Bob Bruggers, and "Mr. Wrestling" Tim Woods. Doctors say Flair will never wrestle again.

1976

"Bad News" Allen Coage wins a bronze medal in judo for the U.S. in the Olympic Games.

April: Bruno Sammartino suffers a broken neck following a "lariat" by Stan Hansen at Madison Square Garden. The crushed third and fourth vertebrae, cracked sixth, and twisted seventh keep him out of action seven months.

June 25: Boxer Muhammad Ali and wrestler Antonio Inoki go to a 15-round draw in Tokyo. The match is aired live on closed-circuit TV as part of a card at New York's Shea Stadium that also features a boxer vs. wrestler bout between Chuck Wepner and Andre the Giant.

1977

September 26: Bob Backlund makes his Madison Square Garden debut.

1978

October 6: NWA World champion Harley Race bodyslams Andre the Giant.

1979

Brad Rheingans, who would later hold the AWA World tag team title with Ken Patera, wins the World Cup in Greco-Roman wrestling.

April: The WWWF—World Wide Wrestling Federation—drops one "W" to become known as the WWF—World Wrestling Federation.

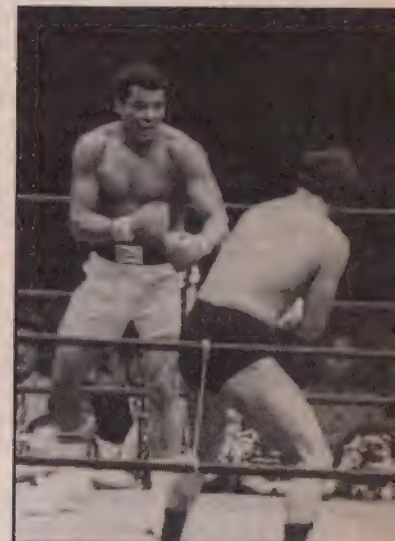
July: The first edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, cover-dated September 1979, hits the newsstands.

July 8: "Nature Boy" Ric Flair uses the figure-four leglock to defeat "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers in Greensboro, North Carolina.

1980

The corporate entity known as Titan Sports is formed by Vince McMahon Jr.

August 3: The "Last Tangle In Tampa" main event finds Harley Race retaining his NWA World title in a best-of-three-falls match against Dusty Rhodes; Fritz Von Erich serves as special referee.



JUNE 25, 1976

August 9: Bruno Sammartino defeats Larry Zbyszko in the main event of a steel cage match at New York's Shea Stadium. Also on the card: Andre the Giant pins Hulk Hogan, Bob Backlund & Pedro Morales win the WWF World tag team title from The Samoans, and Intercontinental champion Ken Patera is counted out against Tony Atlas.



AUGUST 9, 1980

1981

May 2: Killer Khan leaps off the top rope onto Andre the Giant during a match in Rochester, New York, breaking Andre's left ankle and igniting what would undoubtedly have been voted Feud of the Year.

May 10: AWA World champion Verne

Gagne retires after wrestling his last match, a title defense against Nick Backwinkel.

December 21: Andre the Giant is the subject of a profile in *Sports Illustrated*; up to that time, it is the longest profile of any individual athlete ever published by *SI*. The article is later condensed for *Reader's Digest's* June 1982 issue, and reprinted in its entirety in the Summer 1987 edition of *Wrestling 87*.

1982

Steve Williams, at the time a senior in college, loses in the NCAA finals to Bruce Baumgartner by a score of 4-3; Baumgartner would go on to compete in the 1984 Olympics and capture the gold medal in wrestling.

WTBS' Georgia Championship Wrestling is renamed World Championship Wrestling.

June: Vince McMahon Jr. and Titan Sports purchases Capitol Wrestling Corporation from his father and other shareholders.

June 28: In one of the most memorable and dramatic moments in Madison Square Garden wrestling history, Jimmy Snuka performs his "superfly" flying bodypress from the top of the steel cage in a match against WWF World champion Bob Backlund. He misses, and Backlund escapes from the cage with his title reign intact.

July 4: WWF World champion Bob Backlund battles NWA World champion Ric Flair in Atlanta's Omni. The bout ends in a double-disqualification after about 20 minutes of furious action.

July 29: Comedian Andy Kaufman and Memphis mainstay Jerry Lawler appear on the *Late Night With David Letterman* show. Kaufman, wearing a neck brace due to an injury sustained in a match against "The King," gets into an obscenity-laced



JUNE 28, 1982

shouting match with Lawler, then throws Letterman's coffee in Lawler's face. The confrontation makes headlines on the entertainment pages of newspapers nationwide.

December 25: Kerry Von Erich battles NWA World champion Ric Flair in a steel cage in Dallas, Texas, with Freebird Michael Hayes serving as special referee. When Von Erich and Flair are both dazed after a mid-ring collision, Hayes places Von Erich on top of the champion. Von Erich won't accept the title that way, and Hayes becomes outraged, calling Von Erich an "idiot." As Von Erich leaves the cage, Hayes' Freebird partner, Terry Gordy, slams the cage door shut on Von Erich's head. That act ignited the Freebird-Von Erichs war that subsequently embroiled Texas for nearly five years.

1983

April 20: *Teaneck Tanzi: The Venus Flytrap* opens on Broadway at New York's Nederlander Theatre. Andy Kaufman stars as The Ref, and rock star Deborah Harry is to alternate with Caitlin Clarke in the title role. The show closes after one performance, with Harry never getting to perform.

May 1: *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* withdraws world title recognition for the WWF heavyweight championship, a situation that remains in effect for more than two years.

June 2: Hulk Hogan defeats Antonio Inoki to become the first IWGP heavyweight champion.

October 23: The Tommy Rich-Buzz Sawyer feud, which has been raging for more than 18 months, comes to a bloody climax at "The Last Battle Of Atlanta" cage match in The Omni. Rich defeats Sawyer, but is hardly considered the winner.

November 24: The first Starrcade card is held, in Greensboro, North Carolina. A crowd of 15,447 in the Greensboro Coliseum is joined by about 30,000 fans in closed-circuit locations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In the main event, Ric Flair captures his second NWA World heavyweight title from Harley Race.



APRIL 20, 1983

1984

January 22: Two-time NWA World champion and pro football Hall of Famer Bronko Nagurski, 75, is given the honor of tossing the coin at the start of Super Bowl XVIII in Tampa, Florida. The Los Angeles Raiders win the toss—and the game, defeating the Washington Redskins, 38-9.

April: Japan-based UWF is formed, at the time featuring such stars as Akira Maeda, Yoshiaki Fujiwara, Nobuhiko Takada, and Rusher Kimura.

April 6: Ken Patera and Mr. Saito throw a 30-pound boulder through the window of a McDonald's in Waukesha, Wisconsin, when they are refused service after hours. A brawl with Waukesha police officers takes place shortly thereafter at the Holiday Inn where Patera and Saito's are staying.

May 29: The first card of NWA wrestling in the New York area in 20 years, dubbed "The Night Of Champions," is held in New Jersey's Byrne Meadowlands Arena.

July 14: The WWF takes over the NWA's airtime on Atlanta SuperStation WTBS' *World Championship Wrestling*. Hundreds of calls of complaint are received, to which WWF head Vince McMahon responds in an *Atlanta Constitution* news article: "We'll show

those complainers the difference between a major league and a minor league production, given time." NWA wrestling is quickly reinstated on TBS on Saturday mornings, and returns to the Saturday evening time slot about nine months later.

September: Japan-based JWP (Japan Wrestling Promotion) is formed. At the time, the organization features such stars as Riki Choshu, Masa Saito, Kuniaki Kobayashi, and Yoshiaki Yatsu.

September 17: *Sports Illustrated* checks in with this sartorial criticism of Lord Al Hays, who at the time is serving as co-host of the WWF's *Tuesday Night Titans* program: "Lord Alfred Hays is a syrupy British wimp who wears frilly tuxedos of the type fashionable in Las Vegas in the late-'60s."

September 25: Hulk Hogan appears as a guest VJ on MTV. Appearing with Wendi Richter and Cyndi Lauper, Hogan introduces videos by Van Halen, Prince, Huey Lewis, Lauper, Loverboy, ZZ Top, Rod Stewart, and Def Leppard.

September 29: In an attempt to counter the rising power of the WWF, a new wrestling program, *Pro Wrestling USA*, makes its debut on New York's WPIX. The program, also aired in Japan, features a combination of NWA and AWA talent, and most notably brings Bob Backlund back into the public eye just months after the birth of Hulkamania in the WWF.

1985

February 18: "The War To Settle The Score" is broadcast live on MTV. The Madison Square Garden bout pits Roddy Piper against WWF World champion Hulk Hogan, who wins by disqualification when Mr. T and Cyndi Lauper interfere.

February 21: ABC airs an installment of *20/20* during which "Dr. D" David Schultz hits reporter John Stossel in the ears; Stossel later sues and receives a \$280,000 settlement from the WWF.

March 9: The Road Warriors make their Tokyo wrestling debut.

March 10: Bill Watts' Mid-South Wrestling debuts on WTBS, but its run lasts only a few months.

March 28: Richard Belzer is injured when Hulk Hogan drops him on the floor while demonstrating a front facelock during a broadcast of Belzer's cable-TV show, *Hot*

Properties. He receives nine stitches in his head and an undisclosed sum of money following a lawsuit in which he sought \$5-million in damages.

March 31: The first WrestleMania card is held, in New York's Madison Square Garden. Not aired on pay-per-view television, the card is made available to 135 closed-circuit locations, drawing an estimated viewership of 400,000. In the main event: Hulk Hogan & Mr. T defeat Paul Orndorff & Roddy Piper when Hogan pins Orndorff.

April: The first-ever wrestling videotape—*Pro Wrestling Illustrated's Lords Of The Ring*—is released by Vestron Video.

April: Jim Crockett's Mid-Atlantic-based NWA wrestling program replaces WWF broadcasts on TBS.

April 29: Hulk Hogan appears on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*; next to the swimsuit issue, the magazine is the year's best-seller.

May 11: Professional wrestling returns to network television after a 30-year absence as the WWF's *Saturday Night's Main Event* premieres on NBC. In the main event: WWF World champion Hulk Hogan battles Bob Orton, with Roddy Piper, Mr. T, and Paul Orndorff at ringside.

June 5: Steve Williams receives 108 stitches in his right eye following a match against Brad Armstrong in Shreveport, Louisiana. He wrestles again just hours after being stitched up.



APRIL 29, 1985



MARCH 28, 1985



JUNE 5, 1985

June 6: After seven hours of deliberation, a jury finds Ken Patera and Mr. Saito guilty of several assault charges stemming from a fight with police officers in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Patera is convicted of two counts of battery on a peace officer and one count of criminal damage to property; Saito is convicted of three counts of battery on a peace officer and one count of obstructing an officer. Both men are sentenced to two years in prison.

July 2: *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* reinstates world title recognition for the WWF heavyweight title after more than two years of viewing it as a regional championship.

August 22: Mike Von Erich is operated on at Granville C. Morton Cancer and Research Hospital in Dallas, Texas, for an injured shoulder. He is released four

days later with no apparent complications, but readmitted a day after that with a 105-degree fever. His temperature soars to 107 degrees as he begins a month-long battle against toxic shock syndrome.

August 27: ESPN airs wrestling for the first time as it begins broadcasting a weekly AWA program.

September 2: A Florida-based "Battle Of The Belts" card from Tampa is aired on free TV throughout Florida as well as in Boston, Dallas, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

September 20: The St. Louis Wrestling Club holds its final card at the Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis.

September 20: Fred Blassie and Lou Albano "wrestle" each other inside a steel cage at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, New York.

October 3: Uncle Elmer and Miss Joyce Staszko are married in the ring at New Jersey's Byrne Meadowlands Arena. The ceremony is broadcast nationally on the WWF's *Saturday Night's Main Event* two days later.



OCTOBER 3, 1985

October 8: New York State Senator Abraham Bernstein opens hearings to ban professional wrestling in New York.

November 19: Lex Luger captures the Southern heavyweight title from Wahoo McDaniel in Tampa, Florida—less than three weeks after making his pro debut.

1986

February: Dallas-based World Class secedes from the NWA.

February 7: WTBS airs its first prime time wrestling special, "Superstars On The SuperStation," more than two years before the first Clash of the Champions.

March 1: MTV airs the WWF's first-ever "Slammys" awards program.

April 19: The Superdome in New Orleans hosts the first-ever Jim Crockett Sr. Memorial Cup tag team tournament. The Road Warriors emerge from the 24-team field to defeat Magnum T.A. & Ronnie Garvin and claim the \$1-million prize.

April 25: Antonio Inoki suffers his first pinfall loss in 12 years when he is defeated by Andre the Giant at Kumamoto City Gym.

May: The Four Horsemen are formed, a quartet consisting of Ric Flair, Tully Blanchard, Arn Anderson, and Ole Anderson, with management by James J. Dillon.

May 12: Lisa Sliwa, ex-wife of Curtis Sliwa, founder of The Guardian Angels, makes her pro debut at a WWF television taping.

June 4: Kerry Von Erich, driving his motorcycle south on U.S. 373 in Argyle, Texas, pulls to his left on a two-lane two-way highway to pass a van. Von Erich skids into the rear of the police car that had stopped in front of the van to make a left turn, then flies 50 feet through the air and lands in the road. He suffers a dislocated hip and a severely damaged right knee and ankle.

August 23: Capt. Lou Albano plays Ralph Kramden as part of a New York City convention of RALPH—Royal Association for the Longevity and Preservation of the *Honeymooners*.

September 16: Chris Adams is convicted of misdemeanor assault for headbutting an airline pilot on a June 30 flight from Puerto Rico to Texas. He is sentenced to three months in prison.

October 9: Antonio Inoki pins former boxing world champion Leon Spinks in the eighth round of a wrestler-boxer bout in Tokyo before a sellout crowd of 11,520 fans.

October 14: Magnum T.A. crashes his Porsche into a utility pole at 2:30 a.m. in Charlotte, North Carolina. Magnum's fifth cervical vertebra from the top explodes, sending bone fragments into his spinal cord and resulting in extensive surgery and physical therapy. Remarkably, he beats the odds to survive and walk again.

December 12: "Dr. Death" Steve Williams defeats UWF champion One Man Gang in 21:43 in Houston, Texas, to become the winner of the \$50,000 Pro Wrestling Illustrated/UWF Challenge Cup Tournament.

December 13: Dynamite Kid collapses due to a severe back injury during a match in Hamilton, Ontario.



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MARCH 27, 1988

1987

- February 28:** Jim Neidhart is indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of assaulting and interfering with a flight attendant; he is subsequently acquitted.
- March 1:** Two-time former WWF World champion Bruno Sammartino is inducted into the Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame at a banquet in his hometown of Pittsburgh.
- April:** The Global Wrestling Alliance becomes the first publicly traded wrestling organization, with seven million shares of stock hitting the market at an initial offering of 40 cents per share.
- April 9:** Jim Crockett Promotions purchases the Universal Wrestling Federation, headed by Bill Watts.
- April 10-11:** The Baltimore Arena hosts the second Jim Crockett Sr. Memorial Cup tag team tournament. Dusty Rhodes & Nikita Koloff down Tully Blanchard & Lex Luger in the final round of the 24-team tournament to capture the \$1-million prize.
- May 11:** Kevin Von Erich collapses in the middle of the ring during an eight-man bout pitting him, The Fantastics, and Bruiser Brody against Brian Adias, Black Bart, Al Madril, and Al Perez. Fantastic Tommy Rogers, seeing Von Erich turning blue, administers cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- May 26:** Hacksaw Duggan and The Iron Sheik are arrested by New Jersey state police. Duggan is charged with possession of marijuana and drinking alcohol while driving; Sheik is charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana. Duggan receives a conditional discharge; Sheik receives one year probation.

1988

- February 5:** Wrestling returns to prime-time network television after a 33-year absence with the broadcast of WWF's *Main Event* program.
- March 27:** The first-ever Clash of the Champions card is held, in Greensboro, North Carolina. In the main event, Sting and Ric Flair battle to a 45-minute draw.
- April 22-23:** The third Jim Crockett Sr. Memorial Cup tag team tournament is held in Greenville, South Carolina, and Greensboro, North Carolina. Sting & Lex Luger combine to win the \$1-million prize, defeating Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson in the final round.
- October 17:** *Forbes* magazine reports that the estimated worth of the World Wrestling Federation is \$100-million.

November: Ted Turner purchases NWA cornerstone Jim Crockett Promotions, renaming the organization World Championship Wrestling.

November 7: Titan Sports promotes its first-ever non-wrestling pay-per-view, a boxing match between Sugar Ray Leonard and Donny Lalonde.

1989

- May 28:** Jake Roberts undergoes surgery to remove a ruptured disc from his neck. He is sidelined for nearly four months.
- June 25:** Boxer Leon Spinks loses to Greg Wojokowski in a boxer-wrestler bout in Toledo, Ohio.
- July 4:** Davey Boy Smith, Jason the Terrible, and Chris Benoit are injured in a head-on automobile accident in Jasper, Alberta. Smith suffers a cracked vertebra in his back and needs 100 stitches in his head after being thrown through the windshield of the vehicle. Jason suffers two fractures in his left leg, while Benoit suffers an injured right knee. All three eventually return to ring action.
- August 11:** Art Barr, also known as Beetlejuice, is arrested in Eugene, Oregon, and is charged with raping of a 19-year-old fan on July 16.
- August 28:** The first issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly*, cover-dated September 11, is published.
- September:** Capt. Lou Albano debuts as Mario on the popular Saturday-morning program, *The Super Mario Bros. Super Show*.
- September 16:** Terry Allen—Magnum T.A.—marries Tracey Cedarburg in Chesapeake, Virginia.
- November 28:** Veteran NWA referee Tommy Young suffers career-ending neck and back injuries while officiating a match between Mike Rotundo and Tommy Rich at Center Stage Theater in Atlanta.
- December:** *Playboy* magazine features Hulk Hogan as one of its "Sex Stars Of 1989."



SEPTEMBER 1989

1990

- February 6:** Sting suffers a ruptured left patella tendon at Clash of the Champions X.
- February 23:** Twelve days after kayoing Mike Tyson in Tokyo for the undisputed heavy-weight boxing championship, special referee Buster Douglas kayos Randy Savage during an argument following a Savage-Hulk Hogan bout (part of an NBC prime time special). Tyson had originally been scheduled to serve as special referee in the bout, but that changed with Douglas' Tokyo win.
- March 24:** After 23 years as a pro wrestler, Seiji Sakaguchi retires to take over the presidency of the New Japan Wrestling Federation, replacing Antonio Inoki.
- July 4:** Brutus Beefcake suffers massive facial injuries in a parasailing accident in Lutz, Florida, as the knees of a parasailer crash into his head. He undergoes 8½ hours of surgery during which eight steel plates, 40 screws, and more than 100 staples are inserted into his head.
- September:** Tully Blanchard retires from wrestling to devote his life to the ministry.
- September 1:** Eddie Gilbert, driving his brother Doug's car, attempts to run down Jerry Lawler during a broadcast of *USWA Championship Wrestling*. Lawler was trying to save USWA matchmaker Eddie Marlin, who had just fired Eddie and Doug Gilbert.

from the USWA and was escorting them from the building. Remarkably, Lawler escapes the incident with just a bruised hip.

November 6: Jesse Ventura is elected mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, defeating 18-year incumbent Jim Krautkremer.

December 26: Lou Thesz, 74, wrestles impressively, but is defeated by his former student, Masa Chono, 27, on a New Japan card in Hamamatsu, Japan.

1991

January 25: ABC-TV pre-empts *Twin Peaks* to broadcast *Tag Team*, the unsold pilot episode for a series starring Roddy Piper and Jesse Ventura.

June 8: AWA and PWA wrestler Derrick Dukes squares off against former New York Jets defensive end Mark Gastineau in Salem, Virginia, in Gastineau's pro boxing debut. Dukes, 2-1 as a boxer coming into the bout, is kayoed by Gastineau in the first round. He later admits to having taken a dive.

June 12: Scott Steiner's left bicep tendon is torn from the bone when he is attacked by Dick Slater and Dick Murdoch following a successful defense of Rick & Scott Steiner's WCW World tag team title against Hiroshi Hase & Masa Chono at Clash of the Champions XV.



NOVEMBER 6, 1990

June 27: Dr. George T. Zahorian, a physician who formerly served as a ringside physician at WWF events in Pennsylvania, is convicted on 12 of 14 counts of selling anabolic steroids to four pro wrestlers and a weightlifter in a trial held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is subsequently sentenced to three years in prison.

July 16: At a press conference in New York, WWF head Vince McMahon announces that WWF stars will now undergo mandatory testing for anabolic steroids as part of its anti-drug policy.

July 16: Appearing on *The Arsenio Hall Show*, WWF World champion Hulk Hogan sternly declares, "I've trained 20 years, two hours a day, to look like I do. But the thing I am not, is I'm not a steroid abuser, and I do not use steroids."

August 3: Cactus Jack and Eddie Gilbert wrestle a best-of-three-match contest in Philadelphia. The first match is a fall-counts-anywhere bout, the second is a stretcher match, and the third is a cage match.

September 10: Ric Flair wrestles his first WWF bout, causing Jim Powers to submit to the figure-four leglock in Cornwall, Ontario.

October: Ralston Purina Co. launches WWF Superstars cereal in television commercials broadcast on the West Coast.



DR. GEORGE ZAHORIAN (JUNE 27, 1991)

October 23: The first-ever match between WWF World champion Hulk Hogan and Ric Flair takes place in Dayton, Ohio; Flair wins the bout by countout.

December 6: Dynamite Kid, best known as part of The British Bulldogs tag team with Davey Boy Smith, announces his retirement from the ring during a ceremony in Budokan, Japan.

1992

January 20: Dino Bravo wrestles his last match before retiring, defeating The Barbarian at The Forum in Montreal.

February 8: Kerry Von Erich is arrested in Richardson, Texas, for attempting to falsify two drug prescriptions; shortly after he is released on \$6,000 bond, his father, Fritz Von Erich, says that Kerry would be entering a drug rehabilitation program.

March 2: Two top-ranking WWF officials—Pat Patterson and Terry Garvin—resign their positions on the heels of allegations of sexual misconduct leveled by former WWF employees, wrestler Barry Orton, a former front office worker, and two former ring attendants.

March 6: Former WWF star Paul Roma's pro boxing debut results in a fourth-round loss to Jerry Arentzen in Callicoon, New York, when Roma's manager, Kevin Rooney, throws in the towel.

March 13: WWF head Vince McMahon appears on CNN's *Larry King Live* to address allegations of sexual misconduct and steroid abuse in the WWF. McMahon says the allegations of sexual misconduct are "a bunch of bunk."

March 16: The WWF denies allegations of sexual misconduct within its organization and promises to conduct its own investigation into the charges. "We do not believe the charges in these stories to be true," the statement says, in part, "and we are so outraged that we have asked our attorneys to determine what legal action might be appropriate."

April 1: Former WWF star Paul Roma scores his first win as a pro boxer, a 47-second TKO victory over Norman Fortini in Randolph, Massachusetts.

April 4: The USA Network debuts *WBF Body Stars*, Titan Sports' new weekly bodybuilding program; the show features former WCW World champion Lex Luger.

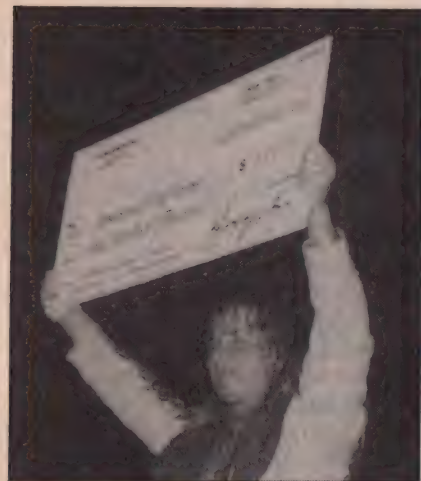
May 30: After 68 years in the wrestling promoting business, Don Owen relinquishes control of Pacific Northwest Wrestling and says goodbye to the fans.

July 31: WWF World champion Randy Savage appears on *The Arsenio Hall Show* and admits that he experimented with steroids, pointing out that the muscle-enhancing drugs were legal when he did so.

September 2: WCW's *Clash of the Champions XX* celebrates 20 years of wrestling on TBS. It also marks the last U.S. appearance of Andre the Giant.



SEPTEMBER 2, 1992



JANUARY 29, 1993

October 1: Kerry Von Erich is sentenced on six felony counts of prescription forgery. He receives a 10-year suspended sentence, 10 years of supervised probation, and a \$6,000 fine.

October 30: Eric Embry suffers a badly bruised liver and severe ligament and cartilage damage to his left knee when his car is run off the road in Beaver Dam, Kentucky.

1993

January 29: The WWF donates \$100,000 to relief efforts in Somalia during a ceremony at New York's Madison Square Garden.

February 21: Ric Flair returns to WCW, at SuperBrawl III in Asheville, North Carolina, after approximately 18 months of competing in the WWF.

May 28: Riki Choshu suffers a broken bone around the rim of his right eye as the result of a Kengo Kimura elbowdrop during a match in Tokyo, Japan.

June 12: Jushin Liger suffers a broken left leg in a match against 2 Cold Scorpio in Chigasaki, Japan.

July 4: Lex Luger bodyslams Yokozuna on the deck of the U.S.S. Intrepid in New York City.

August 28: The Mexico-based AAA organization runs a card at the Los Angeles Sports Arena that draws more than 17,000 fans—and turns away nearly 8,000 fans at the door.

October 28: An early morning brawl at the Moat House Hotel in Blackburn, England, takes place between Sid Vicious and Arn Anderson. Both men are rushed to a local hospital. Anderson receives approximately 20 stab wounds from a pair of scissors, while Vicious suffers four puncture wounds.

November 12: Jerry Lawler is indicted on charges of rape and sodomy involving a 13-year-old girl in Louisville, Kentucky, facing a maximum of 41 years in prison if convicted. All charges were subsequently dropped.

November 18: WWF head Vince McMahon is indicted on charges of possession of anabolic steroids and



JULY 4, 1993



ARNOLD SKAALAND (JUNE 9, 1994)

March: All-Japan women offers disgraced U.S. Olympic figure skater Tonya Harding 100-million yen—approximately \$2-million—to sign as a wrestler.

March 16: Two-thirds of Cactus Jack's right ear is severed when he becomes entangled in the ropes during a match in Germany against Big Van Vader.

April 13: Jesse Ventura is awarded \$809,958 by a federal jury in St. Paul, Minnesota, as the result of a lawsuit against Titan Sports, parent company of the WWF. All but \$8,625 was for royalties on videotapes on which Ventura did color commentary. Ventura originally sought \$2-million in the case.

April 29: Charles Austin, a preliminary wrestler left paralyzed after a 1990 WWF tag team match in Tampa, Florida, against The Rockers, is awarded \$26.7-million in a lawsuit against the federation.

June 9: Fred Blassie, Bobo Brazil, James Dudley, Gorilla Monsoon, Buddy Rogers, Arnold Skaaland, and Chief Jay Strongbow are inducted into the WWF Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland.

June 11: Hulk Hogan signs with WCW.

July 5: The trial of WWF head Vince McMahon on steroid distribution charges occurs in Uniondale, New York.

July 22: WWF head Vince McMahon is acquitted of conspiracy to distribute steroids to wrestlers following 16 hours of jury deliberations. The announcement of the decision, at a federal courtroom in Uniondale, New York, saw spectators applaud.

August 27: Eastern Championship Wrestling renames itself Extreme Championship Wrestling.

December 3: After more than a decade of competing in the WWF, "Macho Man" Randy Savage makes his WCW debut on a live broadcast of WCW Saturday Night.

conspiracy to distribute anabolic steroids, facing up to eight years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 if convicted on both counts.

1994

February 28: Promoter Jim Crockett holds a taping in New York for a new venture entitled World Wrestling Network. Stars appearing at the taping include Sabu, Terry Funk, Road Warrior Hawk, Public Enemy, Jake Roberts, and Missy Hyatt.



JULY 5, 1994

Obituaries

1917

December 16: Frank Gotch dies of uremic poisoning; he was 39.

1950

August 25: Earl Caddock dies at his home in Walnut, Iowa, following a lengthy illness; he was 62.

1951

May: Curtis "Spike" Peterson suffers a fractured neck in a bout against Sam Abraham and dies in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

July: Jeanette Wolf, adopted daughter of women's world champion Mildred Burke, dies following a tag team match in Ohio. Her death is blamed on a stomach rupture and a blood clot on the brain, sustained in a previous bout; she was 18.

1958

June: Doris Von Erich's brother, David, dies on the operating table while being treated for a brain tumor.

1959

Jack Von Erich Jr. dies from electrocution; he was seven.

1963

December 26: "Gorgeous" George Wagner dies in Los Angeles of a heart attack after collapsing at his Hollywood apartment; he was 48.

1965

January 16: After wrestling a match in Georgia, Yukon Eric pulls into a church driveway in Cartersville, Georgia, and commits suicide by shooting himself with a .22 caliber pistol; he was 41.

1966

August 7: Ed "Strangler" Lewis dies at his home in Muskogee, Oklahoma; he was 76.

1967

September 23: Stanislaus Zbyszko dies at his home in St. Joseph, Missouri; he was 88.

1969

July 2: "Iron" Mike DiBiase, father of "Million-Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase, dies in the ring of a heart attack following a match in Lubbock, Texas, against Man Mountain Mike.

1971

June 16: Wrestler Alberto Torres dies at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, as the result of internal injuries suffered during a June 13 match in Verdigris, Nebraska.

July 23: Hercules Cortez, at the time the AWA World tag team champion (with Red Bastien), is killed in an auto accident in Minnesota.

1973

June 3: Dory Funk Sr. dies at his home in Amarillo, Texas; he was 54.

1975

August 19: Jim Londos dies of a heart attack in Escondido, California; he was 78.

1978

David Von Erich's infant daughter dies.

1979

June 30: Former NCAA wrestling champion and Olympic bronze medalist Chris Taylor dies at his home in Story City, Iowa; he was 29.

1983

October 12: Legendary "Manager Of Champions" The Grand Wizard dies in his sleep of a heart attack at his home in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; he was 54.

1984

February 10: David Von Erich dies in his sleep in a hotel room in Tokyo, Japan, reportedly the victim of acute enteritis, a severe inflammation of the intestines; he was 25.

May: Vince McMahon Sr. dies.

August 2: Argentina Apollo dies.

1985

January 21: Eddie Graham dies of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home in Beach Park, Florida; he was 55.

March 8: Bull Curry dies; he was 70.

May 4: Pioneering wrestling journalist Dan Shocket dies of cancer; he was 35.

September 1: Jay Youngblood dies in New Zealand after suffering a ruptured spleen and three heart attacks; he was 30.

November 1: Rick McGraw dies in New Haven, Connecticut; he was 30.

1986

February 4: Gino Hernandez is found dead in his North Dallas, Texas, home, the result of an acute cocaine overdose; he was 29.

March 24: Warren Backwinkel, former wrestler and close friend to Lou Thesz, dies following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease; he was 74.

April 6: El Solitario dies following a heart attack during a match two weeks earlier; he was 40.

1987

February 16: Georgia wrestling promoter Ann Gunkel dies of cancer; she was 50.

April 12: Mike Von Erich commits suicide by overdosing on the tranquilizer Placidyl; he was 23.

August 24: Malcolm "King Kong" Kirk dies in the ring during a match against "Big Daddy" Shirley Crabtree in Great Yarmouth, England. The 336-pound Crabtree was in charge of the match at the 10-minute mark. He slammed Kirk and moved in for a big splash. The ring doctor and several medics ran into the ring when they noticed Kirk wasn't moving. They tried for 15 minutes to revive him, but weren't successful.

1988

July 4: Wrestlers Adrian Adonis, Pat Kelly, and "Canadian Wildman" Dave McKigney are killed when the mini-van driven by wrestler Mike Kelly (who escaped with his

life and a badly crushed leg) plunged over a cliff and into a lake in Lewisporte, Newfoundland.

July 17: Bruiser Brody is stabbed to death in a dressing room prior to a wrestling card in Bayamon, Puerto Rico; he was 42. Wrestler Jose Gonzales is charged with first-degree murder on November 2 and later acquitted.

September 6: Wrestler Leroy Brown dies in a Savannah, Georgia, hospital; he was 38.

September 9: Wrestler and promoter Leroy McGuirk dies at his home in Claremore, Oklahoma; he was 78.

1989

February 18: Legendary woman wrestler Mildred Burke, instrumental in training generations of female competitors, dies; she was 73.

March 7: Longtime wrestling promoter Paul Boesch dies at his home in Houston, Texas; he was 76.

September 7: "Argentinian Bull" Eduardo Perez dies at his home in Tampa, Florida; he was 61.

December 7: William D. "Haystacks" Calhoun, the 601-pound grappler from Morgan's Corner, Arkansas, dies at North Texas Medical Center following a lengthy battle with diabetes; he was 55.

1990

January 7: Bronko Nagurski, two-time former NWA World champion and pro football Hall Of Famer, dies in a nursing home in International Falls, Minnesota; he was 81.

February 4: Two-time former NWA World champion Whipper Watson dies at his home in Orlando, Florida; he was 74.

February 15: Mark Tendler, promoter and president of the East Coast-based Wrestling Stars International, dies two days after being shot outside the bar he co-owns in Wading River, New York; he was 55.

April 18: Legendary Mexican star Gory Guerrero, father of Mando, Hector, and Chavo Guerrero, dies in El Paso, Texas.

August 16: Former NWA World champion and beloved Kansas City and St. Louis promoter Pat O'Connor dies of cancer at his St. Louis home; he was 65.

December 31: Ed "The Bull" Gantner dies at his parents' home in Tampa, Florida, and police later rule the death a suicide, as published reports say that Gantner was despondent following a lengthy bout with kidney disease; he was 31.

1991

June 30: Hawaiian star Duke Keomuka dies of heart failure in Las Vegas, Nevada; he was 70.

August 25: Legendary woman wrestler Vivian Vachon and her daughter, Julie, are killed in a head-on automobile collision in Montreal, Quebec; Vivian was 40.

September 12: Chris Von Erich commits suicide by nine-millimeter pistol gunshot in Edom, Texas; he was 21.

October 31: Gene Anderson, brother and Minnesota Wrecking Crew tag team partner of Ole Anderson, dies of a heart attack while attending a law enforcement training class in Huntersville, North Carolina; he was 58.

November 10: Dick Afflis, known professionally as Dick the Bruiser, dies while lifting weights at his vacation home near Tampa, Florida; he was 62.

December 27: Veteran AWA and WWA star Wilbur Snyder dies of heart failure at Broward County Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; he was 62.

1992

February 7: Thirteen-year veteran "Mad Dog" Buzz Sawyer dies in his apartment in Sacramento, California; he was 32.

February 19: Tojo Yamamoto commits suicide with a .25-caliber automatic pistol at his

apartment in Hermitage, Tennessee. Those close to him say he was despondent over his failing health: He had been forced to leave the sport about five months earlier after developing kidney disease and severe diabetes; he was 65.

April 20: Longtime wrestling and boxing ring announcer Jimmy Lennon Sr., who announced not only at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, but also in movies such as *Main Event*, *Rocky III*, and *Raging Bull*, dies of heart failure at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, California; he was 79.

June 26: Former WWF and NWA World champion Buddy Rogers dies in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, four days after suffering two strokes.

June 30: Stan Frazier, who also competed under the names Uncle Elmer, Kamala II, and The Convict, dies as the result of complications from diabetes at his home near Biloxi, Mississippi; he was 54.

September 24: Roy Heffernan, one of the original Fabulous Kangaroos (with Al Costello), dies of a heart attack at St. George Hospital in Sydney, Australia; he was 67.

November 25: Freddie Miller, longtime wrestling announcer on SuperStation WTBS, dies of a heart attack at his home near Atlanta; he was 65.

1993

January 27: Andre the Giant, whose real name is Andre Rene Roussimoff, dies of a heart attack while in France to attend the funeral of his father; he was 46.

February 18: Kerry Von Erich commits suicide by gunshot from a .44-caliber handgun, one day after being indicted on a cocaine possession charge; he was 33.

March 11: Dino Bravo is murdered gangland-style while sitting in the living room of his Laval, Quebec, home [police subsequently find 17 empty bullet shell casings]; he was 44.

March 25: Longtime Minnesota boxing and wrestling promoter Wally Karbo dies of a heart attack at his home in Bloomington, Minnesota; he was 77.

June 14: Don Kent, who competed with Al Costello as one of The Fabulous Kangaroos, dies following a lengthy bout with leukemia; he was 61.

October 26: Mexican EMLL wrestler Oro suffers a brain aneurysm after being chopped in the chest and falling to the mat during the first fall of a match at Arena Coliseo in Mexico City, Mexico, pitting Oro, La Fira, & Brazo De Plata against Kahos, Jacquemate, Dr. Wagner Jr. The match continued into the second fall before medics removed Oro from the ring and pronounced him dead.

November 13: Rufus R. Jones suffers a heart attack while deer hunting and dies near his home in Kansas City, Missouri; he was 60.

December 13: Larry Cameron dies after suffering a heart attack during a bout in Bremen, Germany, against Tony St. Clair; he was 41.

1994

January 14: Former wrestler and promoter "Slammin'" Sam Menacker, who appeared in many films such as *The Wrestler* and *Mighty Joe Young*, dies in Illinois; he was 79.

March 9: Wrestling manager Eddie Cretchman, who began his career as a referee and helped guide the careers of Abdullah the Butcher, Kamala, and The Sheik, dies of a heart attack in Montreal; he was 66.

May 23: Ray Candy, who competed with Leroy Brown in the tag team known as The Zambue Express, dies of a heart attack in Decatur, Georgia; he was 43.

July 4: WWF referee Joey Marella, the son of WWF broadcaster Gorilla Monsoon, dies in an automobile accident in Burlington Country, New Jersey; he was 30.

September 1: Boris Malenko dies following a four-month struggle with cancer; he was 61.

THE 10 BIGGEST CROWDS IN PRO WRESTLING HISTORY

ATTENDANCE	DATE	LOCATION	SITE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
190,000*	04-29-95	Pyongyang, North Korea	Mayday Stadium	This card, and the April 28 card, below, were part of the three-day Pyongyang International Sports And Culture Festival For Peace. The live gate was approximately \$8.5-million. In the main event, Antonio Inoki defeated Ric Flair in 14:52 of the first-ever meeting of the two legendary stars.
150,000*	04-28-95	Pyongyang, North Korea	Mayday Stadium	See note, above. The live gate was approximately \$7-million. In the main event, IWGP champion Shinya Hashimoto battled to a 20-minute draw against Scott Norton.
93,173	03-29-87	Pontiac, Michigan	Pontiac Silverdome	This was the WWF's WrestleMania III pay-per-view event. The live gate was approximately \$1.6-million. In the main event, Hulk Hogan retained his World title by pinning Andre The Giant.
80,355	08-29-92	London, England	Wembley Stadium	This was the WWF's SummerSlam '92 pay-per-view event. The live gate was approximately \$2.7-million. In the main event, WWF World champion Randy Savage retained his title against The Ultimate Warrior. Also on the card: The British Bulldog captured the Intercontinental title from Bret Hart.
74,080	08-28-86	Toronto, Ontario	Exhibition Stadium	The live gate was approximately \$1.2-million (Canadian). In the main event, WWF World champion Hulk Hogan defended his title successfully via disqualification against "Mr. Wonderful" Paul Orndorff.
67,678	04-01-90	Toronto, Ontario	The SkyDome	This was the WWF's WrestleMania VI pay-per-view card. The live gate was approximately \$4-million (Canadian). In the main event, The Ultimate Warrior pinned Hulk Hogan to capture the WWF World title.
64,500*	03-21-91	Tokyo, Japan	Tokyo Dome	The live gate was approximately \$3.2-million. In the main event, Tatsumi Fujinami and WCW World champion Ric Flair battled to a no-contest.

*estimated figure

ATTENDANCE	DATE	LOCATION	SITE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
63,900*	02-10-90	Tokyo, Japan	Tokyo Dome	The live gate was approximately \$4-million. This card took place one night before the Mike Tyson-Buster Douglas bout in the same building, which drew approximately half as many fans. In the main event, Antonio Inoki & Seiji Sakaguchi came out of retirement to defeat Shinya Hashimoto & Masa Chono.
63,500*	01-04-93	Tokyo, Japan	Tokyo Dome	The live gate was approximately \$3.5-million. In the main event, Genichiro Tenryu defeated Riki Choshu.
62,500*	01-04-95	Tokyo, Japan	Tokyo Dome	The live gate was approximately \$4.8-million. In the main event, IWGP heavy-weight champion Shinya Hashimoto defeated Kensuke Sasaki.

*estimated figure

OTHER CROWDS AND CARDS OF NOTE

The Tokyo Dome, most prevalent site on our top 10 list, has been host to many cards drawing crowds of 55-60,000 fans. On April 2, 1995, for example, 13 promotions in Japan got together for a cooperative card that drew about 60,000 fans. Comparable crowds were on hand in the Dome on January 4, 1994 (main event: Genichiro Tenryu pinned Antonio Inoki), January 4, 1992 (main event: Riki Choshu pinned Tatsumi Fujinami), November 29, 1989 (main event: Akira Maeda defeated former Olympic judo medalist Willie Wilhelm via submission), and April 24, 1989 (1972 Olympic judo medalist Shota Chochoshvili defeated Antonio Inoki in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round bout).

The Fukuoka Dome in Japan has also been the site of some significant crowds, most recently 55,000 fans on May 3, 1993 (main event: Antonio Inoki & Tatsumi Fujinami defeat Riki Choshu & Genichiro Tenryu).

In Mexico, the April 30, 1993, Triple Mania event headlined by a retirement bout that saw Cien Caras defeat Konnan via countout drew about 48,000 fans to Plaza de Toros in Mexico City, Mexico.

In the United States, with the exception of the cards noted in our top 10, some significant attendance figures include: 62,167 at the

Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 5, 1992, for WrestleMania VIII ... 43,517 at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, on May 6, 1984, to see Kerry Von Erich capture the NWA World title from Ric Flair ... approximately 42,000 at Shea Stadium in New York on June 25, 1976, to see Bruno Sammartino defeat Stan Hansen, Andre the Giant defeat boxer Chuck Wepner, and the closed circuit broadcast from Japan of Muhammad Ali vs. Antonio Inoki ... 40,671 at Shea Stadium in New York on August 9, 1980, to see Bruno Sammartino defeat Larry Zbyszko in a cage match, and Andre the Giant pin Hulk Hogan.

Prior to what many term "the modern era" of pro wrestling, a card at Chicago's Comiskey Park drew 38,622 fans to see Buddy Rogers defeat Pat O'Connor for the NWA World title; the live gate of \$141,345 was a record at the time. And on September 20, 1934, 35,265 fans flocked to Wrigley Field in Chicago to see NWA World champion Jim Londos defeated his title against Ed "Strangler" Lewis.

Finally, there has been a often-reported (but never verified) account of 100,000 flocking to Athens Olympic Stadium in 1934 to see Jim Londos defend his world title against a Russian challenger; reportedly, 30,000 fans were turned away from the event.

TITLE HISTORIES

On the pages that follow, you'll find a comprehensive listing of champions for several of the sport's major titles, both current and defunct. The information we've gathered comes from our own computer and text files; reference sources such as several decades worth of newspaper reports and arena programs; and a superlative reference tool, **Wrestling Title Histories** (Third Edition), edited by Royal Duncan and Gary Will (for information on that volume, contact Royal Duncan, 7600 N. Galena Road, Peoria, Illinois 61615). Please note that in many of the listings, additions have been made and errors have been corrected from previously published versions of the various title histories in **Pro Wrestling Illustrated** and our sister publications. Future editions of the **Almanac** will continue to add to and modify these listings to provide the most accurate and comprehensive information available. Listings for currently active championships are updated through December 8, 1995. [Note: Smoky Mountain folded too close to press time to be able to shift listings for those titles from the active to inactive pages.]

SECTION ONE

CURRENTLY ACTIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WWF WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Bruno Sammartino	Buddy Rogers ¹	New York, NY ²	05-17-63
Ivan Koloff	Bruno Sammartino	New York, NY	01-18-71
Pedro Morales	Ivan Koloff	New York, NY	02-08-71
Stan Stasiak	Pedro Morales	Philadelphia, PA	12-01-73
Bruno Sammartino	Stan Stasiak	New York, NY	12-10-73
Superstar Graham	Bruno Sammartino	Baltimore, MD	04-30-77
Bob Backlund	Superstar Graham	New York, NY	02-20-78
The Iron Sheik	Bob Backlund	New York, NY ³	12-26-83
Hulk Hogan	The Iron Sheik	New York, NY ⁴	01-23-84
Andre the Giant	Hulk Hogan	Indianapolis, IN ⁵	02-05-88
Randy Savage	Ted DiBiase	Atlantic City, NJ ⁶	03-27-88
Hulk Hogan	Randy Savage	Atlantic City, NJ	04-02-89
The Ultimate Warrior	Hulk Hogan	Toronto, Ontario	04-01-90
Sgt. Slaughter	The Ultimate Warrior	Miami, FL	01-19-91
Hulk Hogan	Sgt. Slaughter	Los Angeles, CA	03-24-91
The Undertaker	Hulk Hogan	Detroit, MI	11-27-91
Hulk Hogan	The Undertaker	San Antonio, TX ⁷	12-03-91
Ric Flair	-	Albany, NY ⁸	01-19-92
Randy Savage	Ric Flair	Indianapolis, IN	04-05-92
Ric Flair	Randy Savage	Hershey, PA	09-01-92
Bret Hart	Ric Flair	Saskatoon, Sasktwn.	10-12-92
Yokozuna	Bret Hart	Las Vegas, NV	04-04-93
Hulk Hogan	Yokozuna	Las Vegas, NV ⁹	04-04-93

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Yokozuna	Hulk Hogan	Dayton, OH	06-13-93
Bret Hart	Yokozuna	New York, NY ¹⁰	03-20-94
Bob Backlund	Bret Hart	San Antonio, TX	11-23-94
Diesel	Bob Backlund	New York, NY	11-26-94
Bret Hart	Diesel	Landover, MD	11-19-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹Buddy Rogers won a tournament in April 1963 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to become the first WWWF champion; he defeated Antonino Rocca in the final.

²The match lasted 48 seconds. Buddy Rogers submitted following several dropkicks, a bearhug, and a backbreaker.

³Bob Backlund, whose back had been injured by The Iron Sheik just days before this bout, was caught in the camel clutch. His manager, Arnold Skaaland, threw in the towel at the 11:50 mark.

⁴Time of the match: 5:40.

⁵Andre The Giant scored a controversial pinfall when Hulk Hogan lifted his shoulder at the two-count, but referee Earl Hebner (the twin brother of assigned referee Dave Hebner) continued the count. Andre's reign as champion lasted less than two minutes, as he then gave the belt to Ted DiBiase; WWF President Jack Tunney later ruled that transaction invalid, vacated the title, and ordered a tournament held for WrestleMania IV.

⁶This was a tournament final at WrestleMania IV. Time of the match: 9:27.

⁷WWF President Jack Tunney was at ringside for the bout, but was knocked unconscious by the interfering Ric Flair. Undertaker's manager, Paul Bearer, also interfered by attempting to hit Hulk Hogan with his urn. Hogan ducked, and Bearer hit Undertaker instead. Hogan grabbed the urn, threw ashes in Undertaker's face, then pinned him. The following day, Tunney declared the title vacant, with a new champion to be determined at the January 19, 1992, Royal Rumble.

⁸Ric Flair won the title by winning the 30-man Royal Rumble.

⁹This was WrestleMania IX. Bret Hart had Yokozuna in the sharpshooter leglock. Mr. Fuji threw salt in Hart's eyes, enabling Yokozuna to make the pin. Hulk Hogan came to the ring, made an impromptu challenge to Yokozuna, and the two wrestled. Fuji tried throwing salt again during the match with Hogan, hit Yokozuna instead, and Hogan scored the title-winning pin in just 25 seconds. Total length of Yokozuna's reign: 2:07.

¹⁰Roddy Piper was special referee for the bout. Time of the match: 10:31.

WWF INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Ken Patera	Pat Patterson ¹	New York, NY	04-21-80
Pedro Morales	Ken Patera	New York, NY	12-08-80
Magnificent Muraco	Pedro Morales	Philadelphia, PA	06-20-81
Pedro Morales	Magnificent Muraco	New York, NY	11-23-81
Magnificent Muraco	Pedro Morales	New York, NY	01-22-83
Tito Santana	Magnificent Muraco	Boston, MA	02-11-84
Greg Valentine	Tito Santana	London, Ontario	09-24-84
Tito Santana	Greg Valentine	Baltimore, MD	07-06-85
Randy Savage	Tito Santana	Boston, MA	02-08-86
Rick Steamboat	Randy Savage	Pontiac, MI	03-29-87

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
The Honky Tonk Man	Rick Steamboat	Buffalo, NY	06-02-87
The Ultimate Warrior	The Honky Tonk Man	New York, NY	08-29-88
Rick Rude	The Ultimate Warrior	Atlantic City, NJ	04-02-89
The Ultimate Warrior	Rick Rude	East Rutherford, NJ	08-28-89
Curt Hennig	Tito Santana ²	Austin, TX	04-23-90
Kerry Von Erich	Curt Hennig	Philadelphia, PA	08-27-90
Curt Hennig	Kerry Von Erich	Rochester, NY	11-19-90
Bret Hart	Curt Hennig	New York, NY	08-26-91
The Mountie	Bret Hart	Springfield, MA	01-17-92
Roddy Piper	The Mountie	Albany, NY	01-19-92
Bret Hart	Roddy Piper	Indianapolis, IN	04-05-92
Davey Boy Smith	Bret Hart	London, England	08-29-92
Shawn Michaels	Davey Boy Smith	Terre Haute, IN	10-27-92
Razor Ramon	Rick Martel	New Haven, CT ³	09-27-93
Diesel	Razor Ramon	Rochester, NY	04-13-94
Razor Ramon	Diesel	Chicago, IL	08-29-94
Jeff Jarrett	Razor Ramon	Tampa, FL	01-22-95
Jeff Jarrett	Bob Holly	Moline, IN ⁴	04-26-95
Razor Ramon	Jeff Jarrett	Montreal, Quebec ⁵	05-19-95
Jeff Jarrett	Razor Ramon	Trois-Rivieres, Quebec	05-22-95
Shawn Michaels	Jeff Jarrett	Nashville, TN	07-23-95
Razor Ramon	Dean Douglas	Winnipeg, Manitoba ⁶	10-22-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹Pat Patterson won a September 1979 tournament in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to become the first Intercontinental champion.

²This was a tournament final. The Ultimate Warrior was stripped of the title by WWF President Jack Tunney shortly after his WrestleMania VI WWF World title win over Hulk Hogan.

³Razor Ramon and Rick Martel were the last two competitors left in a 20-man battle royal to determine the top contenders to the title. Shawn Michaels was stripped of the title by WWF President Jack Tunney, who read a statement prior to the battle royal claiming the action was due to Michaels having failed "to meet certain contractual obligations."

⁴The title had been held up earlier in the evening as the result of a controversial match between Jeff Jarrett and Bob Holly. This rematch filled the title vacancy.

⁵This was a ladder match.

⁶Shawn Michaels was forced to forfeit the title to Dean Douglas at this In Your house pay-per-view due to an injury that occurred a week earlier.

WWF WORLD TAG TEAM TITLE

(NOTE: The World Wrestling Federation was formed in 1963; the WWF tag team title was known as the United States tag team title until 1967, when the title became vacant because Bruno Sammartino (whose tag team championship partner at the time was Spiros Arion) was unable to defend both the U.S. tag team title and the WWF heavyweight title. From 1969 through 1971, the title was known as the WWWF International tag team title. In late-1971, the championship became known as the WWWF World tag team title.)

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Eddie & Dr. Jerry Graham	Antonino Rocca & Miguel Perez ¹	-	1957
Mark Lewin & Don Curtis	Eddie & Dr. Jerry Graham	-	12-??-58
Eddie & Dr. Jerry Graham	Mark Lewin & Don Curtis	Bridgeport, CT	05-27-59
Red & Lou Bastien	Eddie & Dr. Jerry Graham	New Haven, CT	04-02-60
Eddie & Dr. Jerry Graham	Red & Lou Bastien	New Haven, CT	04-16-60
Red & Lou Bastien	Eddie & Dr. Jerry Graham	Chicago, IL	04-23-60
Al Costello & Roy Heffernan	Red & Lou Bastien	Washington, DC	07-21-60
Red & Lou Bastien	Al Costello & Roy Heffernan	Washington, DC	08-08-60
Al Costello & Roy Heffernan	Red & Lou Bastien	Bridgeport, CT	08-24-60
Johnny Valentine & Buddy Rogers	Al Costello & Roy Heffernan	Teaneck, NJ	11-19-60
Al Costello & Roy Heffernan	Johnny Valentine & Chief Big Heart ²	Washington, DC	11-26-60
Johnny Valentine & "Cowboy" Bob Ellis	Al Costello & Roy Heffernan	Washington, DC	01-11-62
Buddy Rogers & "Handsome" John Barend	Johnny Valentine & "Cowboy" Bob Ellis	Washington, DC	07-05-62
Buddy Austin & The Great Scott	Buddy Rogers & "Handsome" John Barend	Washington, DC	03-07-63
Skull Murphy & Brute Bernard	Buddy Austin & The Great Scott	Washington, DC	05-16-63
Killer Kowalski & Gorilla Monsoon	Skull Murphy & Brute Bernard	Washington, DC	11-14-63
Chris & John Tolos	Killer Kowalski & Gorilla Monsoon	Teaneck, NJ	12-28-63
Vittorio Apollo & Don McClarty	Chris & John Tolos	New Haven, CT	02-??-64
Dr. Jerry Graham & Crazy Luke Graham	Vittorio Apollo & Don McClarty	-	06-??-64
Gene Kiniski & Waldo Von Erich	Dr. Jerry Graham & Crazy Luke Graham	Washington, DC	1964
Gorilla Monsoon & "Cowboy" Bill Watts	Gene Kiniski & Waldo Von Erich	Washington, DC	04-??-65
Dan & Dr. Bill Miller	Gorilla Monsoon & Cowboy Bill Watts	Washington, DC	07-??-65
Johnny Valentine & Antonio Pugliese	Dan & Dr. Bill Miller	New York, NY	02-21-66
Baron Mikel Scicluna & Smasher Sloan	Johnny Valentine & Antonio Pugliese	Washington, DC	09-22-66
Spiros Arion & Antonio Pugliese	Baron Mikel Scicluna & Smasher Sloan	Washington, DC	12-08-66
Lou Albano & Tony Altimore	Spiros Arion & Arnold Skaaland ³	Atlantic City, NJ	07-10-67
Spiros Arion & Bruno Sammartino	Lou Albano & Tony Altimore	Atlantic City, NJ	07-24-67
Victor Rivera & Tony Marino	Professor Tanaka & Mitsu Arakawa ⁴	New York, NY	12-08-69
Bepo & Geeto Mongol ⁵	Victor Rivera & Tony Marino	New York, NY	06-15-70
"Crazy" Luke Graham & Tarzan Tyler ⁶	Dick The Bruiser & The Sheik	New Orleans, LA	06-??-71

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Karl Gotch & Rene Goulet	"Crazy" Luke Graham & Tarzan Tyler	New York, NY	12-06-71
Baron Mikel Scicluna & King Curtis	Karl Gotch & Rene Goulet	Philadelphia, PA	02-01-72
Chief Jay Strongbow & Sonny King	Baron Mikel Scicluna & King Curtis	New York, NY	05-22-72
Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji	Chief Jay Strongbow & Sonny King	Philadelphia, PA	06-27-72
Tony Garea & Haystacks Calhoun	Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji	Hamburg, PA	05-30-73
Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji	Tony Garea & Haystacks Calhoun	Philadelphia, PA	09-11-73
Tony Garea & Dean Ho	Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji	Hamburg, PA	11-14-73
Jimmy & Johnny Valiant	Tony Garea & Dean Ho	Hamburg, PA	05-08-74
Victor Rivera & Dominic DeNucci	Jimmy & Johnny Valiant	Philadelphia, PA	05-13-75
Blackjack Mulligan & Blackjack Lanza	"Irish" Pat Barrett & Dominic DeNucci ⁷	Philadelphia, PA	08-26-75
Tony Parisi & Louis Cerdan	Blackjack Mulligan & Blackjack Lanza	Philadelphia, PA	11-08-75
The Executioners ⁸	Tony Parisi & Louis Cerdan	Philadelphia, PA	05-11-76
Chief Jay Strongbow & Billy White Wolf ⁹	-	Philadelphia, PA	12-07-76
Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji ¹⁰	Tony Garea & Larry Zbyszko	Philadelphia, PA	09-27-77
Dominic DeNucci & Dino Bravo	Professor Tanaka & Mr. Fuji	Philadelphia, PA	03-14-78
The Yukon Lumberjacks	Dominic DeNucci & Dino Bravo	New York, NY	06-26-78
Tony Garea & Larry Zbyszko	The Yukon Lumberjacks	Allentown, PA	11-21-78
Johnny & Jerry Valiant	Tony Garea & Larry Zbyszko	Allentown, PA	03-06-79
Ivan Putski & Tito Santana	Johnny & Jerry Valiant	New York, NY	10-22-79
The Samoans	Ivan Putski & Tito Santana	Philadelphia, PA	04-12-80



THE SAMOANS

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Bob Backlund & Pedro Morales ¹¹	The Samoans	New York, NY	08-09-80
The Samoans	Tony Garea & Rene Goulet	Allentown, PA ¹²	09-09-80
Tony Garea & Rick Martel	The Samoans	Philadelphia, PA	11-08-80
The Moondogs	Tony Garea & Rick Martel	Allentown, PA	03-17-81
Tony Garea & Rick Martel	The Moondogs	Allentown, PA	07-21-81
Mr. Fuji & Mar. Saito	Tony Garea & Rick Martel	Allentown, PA	10-13-81
Jules & Chief Jay Strongbow	Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito	New York, NY	06-28-82
Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito	Jules & Chief Jay Strongbow	Allentown, PA	07-13-82
Jules & Chief Jay Strongbow	Mr. Fuji & Mar. Saito	Allentown, PA	10-26-82
The Samoans	Jules & Chief Jay Strongbow	Allentown, PA	03-08-83
Tony Atlas & Rocky Johnson	The Samoans	Allentown, PA	11-15-83
Adrian Adonis & Dick Murdoch	Tony Atlas & Rocky Johnson	Hamburg, PA	04-17-84
Mike Rotundo & Barry Windham	Adrian Adonis & Dick Murdoch	Hartford, CT	01-21-85
Iron Sheik & Nikolai Volkoff	Mike Rotundo & Barry Windham	New York, NY	03-31-85
Mike Rotundo & Barry Windham	Iron Sheik & Nikolai Volkoff	Poughkeepsie, NY	06-17-85
Brutus Beefcake & Greg Valentine	Mike Rotundo & Barry Windham	Philadelphia, PA	08-24-85
The British Bulldogs	Brutus Beefcake & Greg Valentine	Rosemont, IL	04-07-86
The Hart Foundation	The British Bulldogs	Tampa, FL	01-26-87
Rick Martel & Tito Santana	The Hart Foundation	Syracuse, NY	10-27-87
Demolition	Rick Martel & Tito Santana	Atlantic City, NJ	03-27-88
Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard	Demolition	Worcester, MA	07-18-89
Demolition	Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard	Wheeling, WV	10-02-89
Andre the Giant & Haku	Demolition	Huntsville, AL	12-13-89
Demolition	Andre the Giant & Haku	Toronto, Ontario	04-01-90
The Hart Foundation	Demolition	Philadelphia, PA	08-27-90
The Nasty Boys	The Hart Foundation	Los Angeles, CA	03-24-91
The Legion of Doom	The Nasty Boys	New York, NY	08-26-91
Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster	The Legion of Doom	Denver, CO	02-07-92
Earthquake & Typhoon	Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster	Worcester, MA	07-20-92
Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster	Earthquake & Typhoon	Regina, Saskatchewan	10-13-92
Rick & Scott Steiner	Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster	Columbus, OH	06-14-93
Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster	Rick & Scott Steiner	Rockford, IL	06-16-93
Rick & Scott Steiner	Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster	St. Louis, MO	06-19-93
The Quebecers	Rick & Scott Steiner	New York, NY	09-13-93
Marty Jannetty & The Kid	The Quebecers	Richmond, VA	01-10-94

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
The Quebecers	Marty Jannetty & The Kid	New York, NY	01-17-94
Men On A Mission	The Quebecers	London, England	03-29-94
The Quebecers	Men On A Mission	Sheffield, England	03-31-94
The Headshrinkers	The Quebecers	Burlington, VT	04-26-94
Diesel & Shawn Michaels	The Headshrinkers	Indianapolis, IN	08-28-94
Bob Holly & The 1-2-3 Kid ¹³	Bam Bam Bigelow & Tatanka	Tampa, FL	01-22-95
The Smokin' Gunns	Bob Holly & The 1-2-3 Kid	Palmetto, FL	01-23-95
Owen Hart & Yokozuna	The Smokin' Gunns	Hartford, CT	04-02-95
Diesel & Shawn Michaels	Owen Hart & Yokozuna	Saginaw, MI	09-24-95
The Smokin' Gunns	Owen Hart & Yokozuna	Grand Rapids, MI ¹⁴	09-25-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹Antonino Rocca and Miguel Perez were the first U.S. tag team titlists.

²Buddy Rogers had left Johnny Valentine and the title; Valentine chose Chief Big Heart as his partner.

³Antonio Pugliese left the United States in June 1967; Spiros Arion chose Arnold Skaaland as his championship partner.

⁴Professor Tanaka and Mitsu Arakawa had won the belts in June 1969 in a tournament in Japan.

⁵The Mongols left the WWF in early-1971, bringing the International tag team belts with them.

⁶This is a tournament final. On November 12, 1971, "Crazy" Luke Graham & Tarzan Tyler defeated The Mongols, thus quieting any disputes that the Mongols remained uncrowned champions.

⁷In June 1975, Victor Rivera announced he was giving up his half of the title; Dominic DeNucci was allowed to choose a new partner, and chose "Irish" Pat Barrett.

⁸The Executioners were stripped of the title as the result of a match against Chief Jay Strongbow & Billy White Wolf that was televised on October 26, 1976, during which a third masked Executioner interfered.

⁹Chief Jay Strongbow & Billy White Wolf won a three-team tournament, defeating The Executioners and Tor Kamata & Nikolai Volkoff.

¹⁰This was a tournament final. Shortly after Chief Jay Strongbow & Billy White Wolf won the belts, Billy White Wolf suffered an injured neck during a match against Ken Patera; he and Strongbow gave up the belts.

¹¹Bob Backlund & Pedro Morales won the title in two straight falls of a best-of-three-falls bout in this Shea Stadium contest. Backlund and Morales gave the belts back to the WWF shortly after the win, since Backlund was WWF World heavyweight champion at the time. The title was declared vacant and an elimination tournament ordered.

¹²This was the final round of an elimination tournament.

¹³This was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant when Diesel and Shawn Michaels split up at The Survivor Series, on November 23, 1994.

¹⁴Earlier in the day on September 25, WWF President Gorilla Monsoon stripped Diesel and Shawn Michaels of the title and returned the belts to Owen Hart and Yokozuna.

Wrestling Association, came into being in 1929. (3) At various times throughout this century, the lineage of the title has been broken, most recently prior to Chris Candido's winning of the belt; special attention should be paid to the late-'20s and early-'30s, during which time the world title splintered into several factions and lineage remains fuzzy at best. As a result we've done our best to highlight major breaks from the main line, and reconnect the lineage where appropriate. For the best complete overview of the title history at the time, refer to Duncan & Will, Third Edition.)

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
George Hackenschmidt ¹	Tom Jenkins	New York, NY	05-05-04
Frank Gotch ²	George Hackenschmidt	Chicago, IL	04-03-08
Joe Stecher	Charlie Cutler ³	Omaha, NE	07-04-15
Earl Caddock ⁴	Joe Stecher	Omaha, NE	04-09-17
Joe Stecher	Earl Caddock	New York, NY	01-30-20
Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Joe Stecher	New York, NY	12-13-20
Stanislaus Zbyszko	Ed "Strangler" Lewis	New York, NY	05-06-21
Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Stanislaus Zbyszko	Wichita, KS	03-03-22
Wayne Munn	Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Kansas City, MO	01-08-25
Stanislaus Zbyszko	Wayne Munn	Philadelphia, PA	04-15-25
Joe Stecher	Stanislaus Zbyszko	St. Louis, MO	05-30-25
Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Joe Stecher	St. Louis, MO	02-20-28
Gus Sonnenberg	Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Boston, MA	01-04-29
Dick Shikat ⁵	Jim Londos	Philadelphia, PA	08-23-29
Jim Londos	Dick Shikat	Philadelphia, PA	06-06-30
Ed Don George	Gus Sonnenberg	Los Angeles, CA	12-10-30
Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Ed Don George	Los Angeles, CA	04-13-31
Henry DeGlane ⁶	Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Montreal, Quebec	05-04-31
Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Dick Shikat	New York, NY ⁷	06-09-32
Ed Don George	Henry DeGlane	Boston, MA	02-09-33
Jim Browning	Ed "Strangler" Lewis	New York, NY	02-20-33
Jim Londos	Jim Browning	New York, NY	06-25-34
Danno O'Mahony	Jim Londos	Boston, MA	06-27-35
Danno O'Mahony	Ed Don George	Boston, MA	06-30-35
Danno O'Mahony ⁸	Ed "Strangler" Lewis	Boston, MA	07-30-35
Dick Shikat	Danno O'Mahony	New York, NY	03-02-36
Ali Baba ⁹	Dick Shikat	Detroit, MI	04-24-36
Everett Marshall	Ali Baba	Columbus, OH	06-26-36
Lou Thesz	Everett Marshall	St. Louis, MO	12-29-37
Steve Crusher Casey	Lou Thesz	Boston, MA	02-11-38
Everett Marshall ¹⁰	—	—	09-??-38
Lou Thesz	Everett Marshall	St. Louis, MO	02-23-39
Bronko Nagurski	Lou Thesz	Houston, TX	06-23-39
Ray Steele	Bronko Nagurski	St. Louis, MO	03-07-40
Bronko Nagurski	Ray Steele	Minneapolis, MO	03-11-41
Sandor Szabo	Bronko Nagurski	St. Louis, MO	06-05-41
Bill Longson	Sandor Szabo	St. Louis, MO	02-19-42
Yvon Robert	Bill Longson	Montreal, Quebec	10-07-42
Bobby Managoff	Yvon Robert	Houston, TX	11-27-42
Bill Longson	Bobby Managoff	St. Louis, MO	02-19-43
Whipper Billy Watson	Bill Longson	St. Louis, MO	02-21-47
Lou Thesz	Whipper Billy Watson	St. Louis, MO	04-25-47
Bill Longson	Lou Thesz	St. Louis, MO	11-21-47

NWA HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

(NOTE: There are several key points to remember in viewing this list of NWA champions: (1) With the help of additional sources examined for this almanac, this listing contains many modifications, additions, and corrections from previous versions of the NWA title lineage printed in *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* or our sister publications. (2) The NWA that most fans know of today, the National Wrestling Alliance, was actually formed in 1948; a second NWA, the National

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Lou Thesz ¹¹	Bill Longson	Indianapolis, IN	07-20-48
Whipper Billy Watson	Lou Thesz	Toronto, Ontario ¹²	03-15-56
Lou Thesz	Whipper Billy Watson	St. Louis, MO	11-09-56
Dick Hutton	Lou Thesz	Toronto, Ontario	11-14-57
Pat O'Connor	Dick Hutton	St. Louis, MO	01-09-59
Buddy Rogers	Pat O'Connor	Chicago, IL	06-30-61
Lou Thesz	Buddy Rogers	Toronto, Ontario	01-24-63
Gene Kiniski	Lou Thesz	St. Louis, MO	01-07-66
Dory Funk Jr.	Gene Kiniski	Tampa, FL	02-11-69
Harley Race	Dory Funk Jr.	Kansas City, MO	05-24-73
Jack Brisco	Harley Race	Houston, TX	07-20-73
Shohei Baba	Jack Brisco	Kagoshimi, Japan	12-02-74
Jack Brisco	Shohei Baba	Tokyo, Japan	12-09-74
Terry Funk	Jack Brisco	Miami, FL	12-10-75
Harley Race	Terry Funk	Toronto, Ontario	02-06-77
Dusty Rhodes	Harley Race	Tampa, FL	08-21-79
Harley Race	Dusty Rhodes	Orlando, FL	08-26-79
Shohei Baba	Harley Race	Nagoya, Japan	10-31-79
Harley Race	Shohei Baba	Amagasaki, Japan	11-07-79
Shohei Baba	Harley Race	Saga, Japan	09-04-80
Harley Race	Shohei Baba	Otsu, Japan	09-10-80
Tommy Rich	Harley Race	Augusta, GA ¹³	04-27-81
Harley Race	Tommy Rich	Gainesville, GA ¹⁴	05-01-81
Dusty Rhodes	Harley Race	Atlanta, GA ¹⁵	06-21-81
Ric Flair	Dusty Rhodes	Kansas City, MO ¹⁶	09-17-81
Harley Race	Ric Flair	St. Louis, MO ¹⁷	06-10-83
Ric Flair	Harley Race	Greensboro, NC ¹⁸	11-24-83
Kerry Von Erich	Ric Flair	Irving, TX ¹⁹	05-06-84
Ric Flair	Kerry Von Erich	Yokosuka City, Japan ²⁰	05-24-84
Dusty Rhodes	Ric Flair	Greensboro, NC	07-26-86
Ric Flair	Dusty Rhodes	St. Louis, MO ²¹	08-09-86
Ronnie Garvin	Ric Flair	Detroit, MI ²²	09-25-87
Ric Flair	Ronnie Garvin	Chicago, IL ²³	11-26-87
Rick Steamboat	Ric Flair	Chicago, IL ²⁴	02-20-89
Ric Flair	Rick Steamboat	Nashville, TN	05-07-89
Sting	Ric Flair	Baltimore, MD ²⁵	07-07-90
Ric Flair ²⁶	Sting	East Rutherford, NJ	01-11-91
Masa Chono	Rick Rude	Tokyo, Japan ²⁷	08-12-92
The Great Muta	Masa Chono	Tokyo, Japan	01-04-93
Barry Windham	The Great Muta	Asheville, NC ²⁸	02-21-93
Ric Flair ²⁹	Barry Windham	Biloxi, MS	07-18-93
Chris Candido	Tracey Smothers	Cherry Hill, NJ ³⁰	11-19-94
Dan Severn ³¹	Chris Candido	Erlanger, KY	02-24-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹During the first few years of the century, George Hackenschmidt had won world championship tournaments in Italy, Germany, and England. As a result of this match, by defeating American champion Tom Jenkins in two straight falls, he became recognized as top champion in North America.

²George Hackenschmidt left the ring, refusing to return, and the referee awarded the title to Gotch, who retired in 1913; his last match was a victory over George Lurich on April 9.

³Charlie Cutler had defeated Henry Ordeman and Jesse Westegard in a tournament, and had laid claim to the world title.

⁴Earl Caddock was awarded the title by the referee when Joe Stecher refused to return to the ring after the second fall.

⁵As a result of this match, Dick Shikat became recognized as the first champion of the National Wrestling Association (NWA), a division of the National Boxing Association.

⁶Henry DeGlane won the title by disqualification.

⁷This match on Long Island, New York, was billed as a world championship match, and was designed to halt the controversy that was splitting the sport at the time. Jim Londas was subsequently stripped of his title for refusing to meet the winner of this bout. Ed "Strangler" Lewis later affirmed his claim on the title with an October 10, 1932, victory over Jack Sherry.

⁸Ed Don George had been claiming rights to the world title ever since he defeated Henry DeGlane in Boston in 1933. Danno O'Mahony, because of his victories over Jim Londas, Ed Don George, and Ed "Strangler" Lewis, became the closest thing to undisputed world champion at the time, representing a unification of sorts of the splintering of the world title that had taken place for several years.

⁹During his title reign, Ali Baba was disqualified in a match against Dave Lewin held in Newark, New Jersey. The State Athletic Commission reversed the match decision and allowed Ali Baba to keep the title. Soon thereafter, however, a rule change was made which stated that the title cannot change hands on a disqualification.

¹⁰The NWA decided to recognize Everett Marshall as champion because Steve Crusher Casey was out of the country and failed to defend the title on a regular basis.

¹¹The National Wrestling Alliance was organized in July 1948. At that particular time, Orville Brown was recognized as champion. Forced to retire due to injuries received in a November 11, 1949, auto accident, Brown relinquished his claim on the title. Lou Thesz was scheduled to meet Brown in a title match in St. Louis on November 25, 1949.

¹²Special referee for the match: Jack Dempsey.

¹³Time of the match: 27:22.

¹⁴Time of the match: 19:51.

¹⁵Time of the match: 16:55.

¹⁶Time of the match: 23:43.

¹⁷Two out of three falls match. Harley Race won the first fall by suplex at the 11:10 mark. Ric Flair won the second fall by submission to the figure-four at the 10:23 mark. The third fall lasted to 6:17; both men had their shoulders on the mat as the result of a backdrop, but Race lifted his shoulder up at the 2 1/2 mark. Special referee for the match: Gene Kiniski.

¹⁸Time of the match: 33:29. This was the first time the title changed hands inside a steel cage.

¹⁹Outdoor show at Texas Stadium. Kerry Von Erich won the title with a backslide at the 25:42 mark.

²⁰This was a best-of-three falls match. Kerry Von Erich won the first fall in 15:21 with the clawhold; Ric Flair won the second fall in 3:24 with the figure-four; Flair won the



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third fall in 7:19 by rolling over a rollover.

²¹This was a cage match. Time of the match: 22:35.

²²This was a cage match. Time of the match: 39:28.

²³This was a cage match. Time of the match: 17:39.

²⁴Time of the match: 23:06.

²⁵Time of the match: 16:06.

²⁶Time of the match: 20:38. Ric Flair is (according to WCW officials in April 1992) the first WCW World champion; Sting, therefore, as of April 1992, is a one-time NWA and one-time WCW World champion. In September 1991, Flair signed with the WWF and the NWA title was declared vacant.

²⁷This is a tournament final.

²⁸This was SuperBrawl III. Time of the match: 24:08.

²⁹The title was declared vacant in September 1993 when WCW withdrew from the NWA. It was renamed the WCW International title, held in the year that followed by Rick Rude, Hiroshi Hase, Rude again, Sting, then Flair again, but was finally abandoned when it was unified with the WCW World title at Clash Of The Champions XXVII on June 23, 1994.

³⁰This is a tournament final.

³¹Dan Severn captured the Ultimate Fight V championship on April 8, 1995, and the UFC Ultimate Ultimate championship on December 16, 1995.

WCW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Ric Flair	Sting	East Rutherford, NJ ¹	01-11-91
Lex Luger	Barry Windham	Baltimore, MD ²	07-14-91
Sting	Lex Luger	Milwaukee, WI	02-29-92
Big Van Vader	Sting	Albany, GA	07-12-92
Ron Simmons	Big Van Vader	Baltimore, MD	08-02-92
Big Van Vader	Ron Simmons	Baltimore, MD	12-30-92
Sting	Big Van Vader	London, England	03-11-93
Big Van Vader	Sting	Dublin, Ireland	03-17-93
Ric Flair	Big Van Vader	Charlotte, NC	12-27-93
Hulk Hogan	Ric Flair	Orlando, FL	07-17-94
Randy Savage ³		Norfolk, VA	11-26-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹According to World Championship Wrestling, Ric Flair—who had been known worldwide as the NWA World champion—was acknowledged as the first WCW World champion during this reign.

²Ric Flair had been stripped of the WCW World title on July 1 after he could not come to a contractual agreement with WCW. Lex Luger and Barry Windham were determined to be the top contenders to the title.

³Randy Savage won the title in a 60-man battle royal at the World War III pay-per-view event. Hulk Hogan lost the title to The Giant on October 29 at Halloween Havoc due to a clause in the contract placed by Jimmy Hart that the belt could change hands on a disqualification; since the disqualification was due to Hart's interference, the title was declared vacant and put up for grabs in the World War III battle royal.

NWA/WCW WORLD TAG TEAM TITLE

(NOTE: This tag team title grew out of a Mid-Atlantic regional tag team title; our most reliable lineage information stretches back only to May 10, 1980.)

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Ray Stevens & Greg Valentine	Greensboro, NC	05-10-80
Ray Stevens & Jimmy Snuka	Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Greensboro, NC	06-22-80
Paul Jones & Masked Superstar	Ray Stevens & Jimmy Snuka	Greensboro, NC	11-27-80
Ray Stevens & Ivan Koloff	Paul Jones & Masked Superstar	Greensboro, NC	02-22-81
Paul Jones & Masked Superstar	Ray Stevens & Ivan Koloff	Greensboro, NC	03-22-81
Gene & Ole Anderson ¹	Paul Jones & Masked Superstar	Richmond, VA	05-01-81
Sgt. Slaughter & Don Kernodle	Shohei "Giant" Baba & Antonio Inoki ²	Tokyo	09-12-82
Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Sgt. Slaughter & Don Kernodle	Greensboro, NC	03-12-83
Jack & Jerry Brisco	Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Greenville, SC	06-18-83
Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Jack & Jerry Brisco	Greenville, SC	10-03-83
Jack & Jerry Brisco	Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Richmond, VA	10-21-83
Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood	Jack & Jerry Brisco	Greensboro, NC	11-24-83
Don Kernodle & Bob Orton Jr.	Dory Funk Jr. & Jimmy Valiant	Charlotte, NC ³	01-08-84
Wahoo McDaniel & Mark Youngblood	Don Kernodle & Bob Orton Jr.	Charlotte, NC	03-04-84
Jack & Jerry Brisco	Wahoo McDaniel & Mark Youngblood	Spartanburg, SC	04-04-84
Wahoo McDaniel & Mark Youngblood	Jack & Jerry Brisco	Richmond, VA	04-27-84
Ivan Koloff & Don Kernodle	Wahoo McDaniel & Mark Youngblood	—	05-??-84
Dusty Rhodes & Manny Fernandez	Ivan Koloff & Don Kernodle	Greensboro, NC	10-20-84
Ivan & Nikita Koloff ⁴	Dusty Rhodes & Manny Fernandez	Fayetteville, NC	03-18-85
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Ivan Koloff & Krusher Khrushchev	Shelby, NC	07-09-85
Ivan & Nikita Koloff	Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Charlotte, NC	10-13-85
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Ivan & Nikita Koloff	Greensboro, NC	11-28-85
Dennis Condrey & Bobby Eaton	Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Atlanta, GA	02-02-86
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Dennis Condrey & Bobby Eaton	Philadelphia, PA	08-16-86
Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude	Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Atlanta, GA	12-06-86
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson	Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude	Spokane, WA	05-26-87
Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Misenheimer, NC	09-29-87
Lex Luger & Barry Windham	Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard	Greensboro, NC	03-27-88

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard	Lex Luger & Barry Windham	Jacksonville, FL	04-20-88
Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane	Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard	Philadelphia	09-10-88
The Road Warriors	Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane	New Orleans, LA	10-29-88
Mike Rotundo & Steve Williams	The Road Warriors	New Orleans, LA	04-02-89
Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes	Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane	Fayetteville, NC ⁵	06-14-89
Rick & Scott Steiner	Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes	Atlanta, GA	11-01-89
Butch Reed & Ron Simmons	Rick & Scott Steiner	Washington, DC	05-19-90
Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes	Butch Reed & Ron Simmons	Phoenix, AZ	02-24-91
Rick & Scott Steiner ⁶	Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes	Montgomery, AL	03-09-91
Arn Anderson & Larry Zbyszko	Bill Kazmaier & Rick Steiner ⁷	Augusta, GA	09-05-91
Dustin Rhodes & Rick Steamboat	Arn Anderson & Larry Zbyszko	Savannah, GA	11-19-91
Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton	Dustin Rhodes & Rick Steamboat	Jacksonville, FL	01-16-92
Rick & Scott Steiner	Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton	Chicago, IL	05-03-92
Terry Gordy & Steve Williams	Rick & Scott Steiner	Atlanta, GA	07-05-92
Dustin Rhodes & Barry Windham	Terry Gordy & Steve Williams	Atlanta, GA	09-21-92
Shane Douglas & Rick Steamboat	Dustin Rhodes & Barry Windham	Macon, GA	11-18-92
Steve Austin & Brian Pillman	Shane Douglas & Rick Steamboat	Macon, GA	03-02-93
Arn Anderson & Paul Roma	Steve Austin & Lord Steven Regal ⁸	Daytona Beach, FL	08-18-93
The Nasty Boys	Arn Anderson & Paul Roma	Houston, TX	09-19-93
2 Cold Scorpio & Marcus Alexander Bagwell	The Nasty Boys	Columbus, GA	10-04-93
The Nasty Boys	2 Cold Scorpio & Marcus Alexander Bagwell	New Orleans, LA	10-24-93
Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan	The Nasty Boys	Philadelphia, PA	05-22-94
Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan	Orlando, FL	07-17-94
The Patriot & Marcus Alexander Bagwell	Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	Atlanta, GA	09-25-94
Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	The Patriot & Marcus Alexander Bagwell	Detroit, MI	10-23-94
The Patriot & Marcus Alexander Bagwell	Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	Jacksonville, FL	11-16-94
Harlem Heat	The Patriot & Marcus Alexander Bagwell	Atlanta, GA	12-08-94
The Nasty Boys	Harlem Heat	St. Petersburg, FL	05-21-95
Harlem Heat	The Nasty Boys	Orlando, FL	06-24-95
Bunkhouse Buck & Dick Slater	Harlem Heat	Atlanta, GA	07-22-95
Harlem Heat	Bunkhouse Buck & Dick Slater	Asheville, NC	09-17-95
Marcus Alexander Bagwell & Scotty Riggs	Harlem Heat	Johnson City, TN	09-18-95
Harlem Heat	Marcus Alexander Bagwell & Scotty Riggs	Atlanta, GA	09-27-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹In December 1981, the Andersons were stripped of the title for being unable to defend the belts due to an October 1981 injury to Gene Anderson.

²This was a tournament final.

³This was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant when Rick Steamboat announced his retirement on December 25, 1983.

⁴Though Ivan & Nikita Koloff won the belts, any pair of the trio of Ivan & Nikita Koloff and Krusher Khrushchev were allowed to defend the title.

⁵This was a tournament final. Mike Rotundo & Steve Williams were stripped of the title after their May 7, 1989, defense against The Road Warriors, where Dan Spivey and Kevin Sullivan interfere on their behalf by attacking guest referee Nikita Koloff.

⁶The Steiners are regarded as the last NWA World tag team champions and the first WCW World tag team champions. A tag team tournament to fill the vacancy was held July 12, 1992, at the Great American Bash. The tourney was won by Terry Gordy & Steve Williams. Co-recognition of the champions as NWA/WCW World tag team champions continued through September 1, 1993, when WCW withdrew from the NWA, and the NWA in turn withdrew recognition of the champions, at the time Arn Anderson and Paul Roma, who then became known strictly as WCW World tag team champions.

⁷This was a tournament final. Rick & Scott Steiner were stripped of the title in late-July 1991 when Scott was forced out of action with a torn left bicep muscle.

⁸Lord Steven Regal was allowed to substitute for the injured Brian Pillman.

NWA/WCW U.S. HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

(NOTE: While this particular version of the U.S. title was evidently initiated in 1975, our most reliable lineage information stretches back only to April 19, 1980.)

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Ric Flair	Jimmy Snuka	Greensboro, NC	04-19-80
Roddy Piper	Ric Flair	Raleigh, NC	01-27-81
Wahoo McDaniel ¹	Roddy Piper	Greensboro, NC	08-08-81
Sgt. Slaughter	Rick Steamboat	Charlotte, NC ²	10-04-81
Wahoo McDaniel	Sgt. Slaughter	Richmond, VA	05-21-82
Sgt. Slaughter ³	-	Greenville, SC	06-07-82
Wahoo McDaniel	Sgt. Slaughter	Charlotte, NC	08-22-82
Greg Valentine	Wahoo McDaniel	Norfolk, VA	11-04-82
Roddy Piper	Greg Valentine	Greensboro, NC	04-16-83
Greg Valentine	Roddy Piper	Greensboro, NC ⁴	04-30-83
Dick Slater	Greg Valentine	Shelby, NC	12-14-83
Rick Steamboat	Dick Slater	Greensboro, NC	04-21-84
Wahoo McDaniel	Rick Steamboat	Greensboro, NC ⁵	06-24-84
Wahoo McDaniel	Manny Fernandez	Charlotte, NC ⁶	10-07-84
Magnum T.A.	Wahoo McDaniel	Charlotte, NC	03-23-85
Tully Blanchard	Magnum T.A.	Charlotte, NC	07-21-85
Magnum T.A.	Tully Blanchard	Greensboro, NC	11-28-85
Nikita Koloff	Magnum T.A.	Charlotte, NC ⁷	08-17-86
Lex Luger	Nikita Koloff	Greensboro, NC	07-11-87
Dusty Rhodes	Lex Luger	Chicago, IL	11-26-87

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Barry Windham	Nikita Koloff	Houston, TX ⁸	05-13-88
Lex Luger	Barry Windham	Chicago, IL	02-20-89
Michael Hayes	Lex Luger	Nashville, TN	05-07-89
Lex Luger	Michael Hayes	Bluefield, WV	05-22-89
Stan Hansen	Lex Luger	Chicago, IL	10-27-90
Lex Luger	Stan Hansen	St. Louis, MO	12-16-90
Sting	Steve Austin	Atlanta, GA ⁹	08-25-91
Rick Rude	Sting	Savannah, GA	11-19-91
Dustin Rhodes	Rick Steamboat	Atlanta, GA ¹⁰	01-11-93
Dustin Rhodes	Rick Rude	Atlanta, GA ¹¹	08-30-93
Steve Austin	Dustin Rhodes	Charlotte, NC	12-27-93
Rick Steamboat	Steve Austin	Cedar Rapids, IA	08-24-94
Hacksaw Duggan	Steve Austin	Roanoke, VA ¹²	09-18-94
Big Van Vader ¹³	Hacksaw Duggan	Nashville, TN	12-27-94
Sting	Meng	Dayton, OH ¹⁴	06-18-95
Kensuke Sasaki	Sting	Tokyo, Japan	11-13-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹Wahoo McDaniel was stripped of the title in September 1981 after being injured by Abdullah the Butcher. A tournament was ordered to fill the title vacancy.

²This match was a tournament final.

³Sgt. Slaughter was awarded the title when Wahoo McDaniel was unable to show up for a title match as the result of having sustained an injured left leg at the hands of Magnificent Muraco and Roddy Piper.

⁴Greg Valentine was awarded the title when the match was halted due to a bloody gash over Roddy Piper's left ear that rendered him unable to continue.

⁵The title was held up and vacated after this bout due to the interference of Tully Blanchard, who hit Rick Steamboat in the head with a chair.

⁶This match was a tournament final.

⁷This match was the final bout in a best-of-seven series to fill the vacancy created in May 1986 when Magnum T.A. was stripped of the title for attacking NWA President Bob Geigel.

⁸This match was a tournament final. Dusty Rhodes had been stripped of the title in April 1988 for hitting NWA President Jim Crockett with a baseball bat.

⁹This match was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant when Lex Luger won the WCW World title on July 14, 1991.

¹⁰This match had been intended as a bout to determine the number-one contender to Rick Rude's title. When Rude was stripped of the belt in December 1992 for failing to defend it (he was injured), the bout instead became a contest to determine a new champion.

¹¹This match was to fill the title vacancy. The title had been declared vacant in May 1993 as the result of a controversial double-pin sit-

uation between Dustin Rhodes and Rick Rude.

¹²Steve Austin had been awarded the title earlier in the evening via forfeit when Steamboat, his original opponent for the night, was unable to wrestle due to a back injury.

¹³Big Van Vader is stripped of the title in early-April 1995 for multiple violent offenses, particularly an assault on Dave Sullivan on March 7.

¹⁴This was a tournament final to fill the title vacancy.

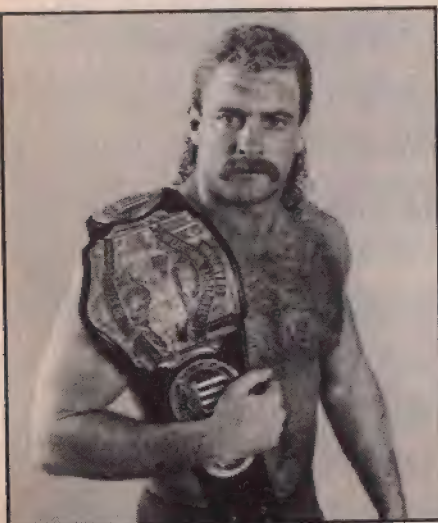
NWA/WCW TELEVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Mark Youngblood	Dick Slater	Spartanburg, SC ¹	03-07-84
Tully Blanchard	Mark Youngblood	—	05-??-84
Dusty Rhodes	Tully Blanchard	Greensboro, NC	03-16-85
Arn Anderson	Wahoo McDaniel ²	Charlotte, NC	01-04-86
Dusty Rhodes	Arn Anderson	Columbia, SC	09-09-86
Tully Blanchard	Dusty Rhodes	Greensboro, NC ³	11-27-86
Nikita Koloff	Tully Blanchard	Fayetteville, NC	08-17-87
Mike Rotundo	Nikita Koloff	Raleigh, NC	01-26-88
Rick Steiner	Mike Rotundo	Norfolk, VA	12-26-88
Mike Rotundo	Rick Steiner	Chicago, IL	02-20-89
Sting	Mike Rotundo	Atlanta, GA	03-31-89
The Great Muta	Sting	Atlanta, GA ⁴	09-03-89
Arn Anderson	The Great Muta	Gainesville, GA	01-02-90
Tom Zenk	Arn Anderson	Atlanta, GA	12-04-90
Arn Anderson	Tom Zenk	Perry, GA	01-07-91
Bobby Eaton	Arn Anderson	St. Petersburg, FL	05-19-91
Steve Austin	Bobby Eaton	Birmingham, AL	06-03-91
Barry Windham	Steve Austin	Atlanta, GA ⁵	04-27-92
Steve Austin	Barry Windham	Atlanta, GA	05-23-92
Rick Steamboat	Steve Austin	Atlanta, GA ⁶	09-02-92
Scott Steiner	Rick Steamboat	Atlanta, GA	09-29-92
Paul Orndorff	Erik Watts	Macon, GA ⁷	03-02-93
Rick Steamboat	Paul Orndorff	Daytona Beach, FL	08-18-93
Lord Steven Regal	Rick Steamboat	Houston, TX	09-19-93
Larry Zbyszko	Lord Steven Regal	Atlanta, GA	05-02-94
Lord Steven Regal	Larry Zbyszko	Charleston, SC	06-23-94
Johnny B. Badd	Lord Steven Regal	Roanoke, VA	09-18-94
Arn Anderson	Johnny B. Badd	Atlanta, GA	01-08-95
The Renegade	Arn Anderson	Dayton, OH	06-18-95
Diamond Dallas Page	The Renegade	Asheville, NC	09-17-95
Johnny B. Badd	Diamond Dallas Page	Detroit, MI	10-29-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This was the final round of a tournament to determine the NWA television champion. Dick Slater's U.S. title, of course, was not on the line in this match. Also note that in a semifinal encounter vs. Assassin #2, Mark Youngblood put feet up on middle ropes to gain pinfall.

²This was a tournament final. The title was declared vacant when Dusty Rhodes was unable to defend the belt due to an injury.



MAGNUM, T.A.

³This was a "first blood" match at Starrcade '86.

⁴The belt had been held up since 7-23-89 when Sting pinned The Great Muta, but tapes later showed that Muta's shoulders were off the mat.

⁵This was a best-of-three-falls match.

⁶This was Clash Of The Champions XX. It was also a no-DQ match with Paul E. Dangerously locked in a cage suspended above the ring. Rick Steamboat won with a flying bodypress off the top rope.

⁷This was the final round of a tournament to determine a new champion. Scott Steiner was stripped of the title when he went to the WWF in November 1992.

ECW HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Jimmy Snuka	Wildman Bellomo	Philadelphia, PA ¹	04-25-92
Johnny Hot Body	Jimmy Snuka	Philadelphia, PA	04-26-92
Jimmy Snuka	Johnny Hot Body	Philadelphia, PA	07-12-92
Don Muraco	Jimmy Snuka	Philadelphia, PA	10-24-92
The Sandman	Don Muraco	Philadelphia, PA	11-16-92
Don Muraco	The Sandman	Philadelphia, PA	04-03-93
Tito Santana	Don Muraco	Philadelphia, PA	08-08-93
Shane Douglas ²	Tito Santana	Roanoke, VA	09-09-93
Sabu	Shane Douglas	Philadelphia, PA	10-02-93
Terry Funk	Sabu	Philadelphia, PA	12-26-93
Shane Douglas ³	Terry Funk	Devon, PA	03-26-94
The Sandman	Shane Douglas	Philadelphia, PA	04-15-95
Mikey Whipwreck	The Sandman	Philadelphia, PA	10-28-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹Jimmy Snuka and Wildman Bellomo won separate battle royals to advance to a match in which the winner was awarded the first ECW heavyweight title.

²Shane Douglas won the title by forfeit when Tito Santana did not appear for the match.

³Shane Douglas pinned Terry Funk in an eight-man tag team match; due to a prematch stipulation, the title changed hands. Also, on August 27, 1994, Eastern Championship Wrestling was renamed Extreme Championship Wrestling.

ECW TAG TEAM TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
The Super Destroyers	The Night Breed	Philadelphia, PA ¹	06-23-92
Tony Stetson & Larry Winters	The Super Destroyers	Radnor, PA	04-02-93
The Suicide Blonds	Tony Stetson & Larry Winters	Philadelphia, PA	04-03-93
The Super Destroyers	The Suicide Blonds	Philadelphia, PA	05-15-93
The Suicide Blonds	The Super Destroyers	Philadelphia, PA	05-15-93
Eddie Gilbert & The Dark Patriot	Sandman & Salvatore Bellomo	Philadelphia, PA ²	08-07-93

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Tony Stetson & Johnny Hot Body	Eddie Gilbert & The Dark Patriot	Philadelphia, PA ³	09-18-93
Tommy Dreamer & Johnny Gunn	Tony Stetson & Johnny Hot Body	Philadelphia, PA	11-13-93
Kevin Sullivan & Tasmaniac	Tommy Dreamer & Shane Douglas ⁴	Philadelphia, PA	12-04-93
Public Enemy	Kevin Sullivan & Tasmaniac	Philadelphia, PA	03-06-94
Cactus Jack & Mikey Whipwreck	Public Enemy	Philadelphia, PA	08-27-94
Public Enemy	Cactus Jack & Mikey Whipwreck	Philadelphia, PA	11-05-94
Sabu & Tasmaniac	Public Enemy	Philadelphia, PA	02-04-95
Chris Benoit & Dean Malenko	Sabu & Tasmaniac	Philadelphia, PA	02-25-95
Public Enemy	Chris Benoit & Dean Malenko	Philadelphia, PA	04-08-95
Raven & Stevie Richards	Public Enemy	Jim Thorpe, PA	06-20-95
The Pit Bulls	Raven & Stevie Richards	Philadelphia, PA	09-16-95
Raven & Stevie Richards	The Pit Bulls	Philadelphia, PA	10-07-95
Public Enemy	Raven & Stevie Richards	Philadelphia, PA ⁵	10-07-95
Sandman & 2 Cold Scorpio	Public Enemy	Philadelphia, PA ⁶	10-28-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This is a four-team tournament final.

²This is a tournament final to fill the vacancy created when The Suicide Blonds were stripped of the belts in July 1993.

³This was a win via forfeit.

⁴Shane Douglas was allowed to substitute for the injured Johnny Gunn. After the bout, he turned against Tommy Dreamer.

⁵This was a three-team match that also included The Gangstas.

⁶2 Cold Scorpio defeated Rocco Rock in a singles bout; due to a prematch stipulation, the tag team belts were on the line.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Brian Lee	Paul Orndorff	Knoxville, TN ¹	05-22-92
Tony Anthony	Brian Lee	Johnson City, TN	08-08-92
Tracey Smothers	Tony Anthony	Pikeville, KY	04-02-93
Tracey Smothers	Tony Anthony	Knoxville, TN ²	06-11-93
Brian Lee	Tracey Smothers	Johnson City, TN	07-17-93
Tony Anthony	Brian Lee	Knoxville, TN	02-13-94
Jake Roberts	Tony Anthony	Harriman, TN	05-02-94
Tony Anthony	Jake Roberts	Warrensville, NC	07-05-94
Jerry Lawler	Tony Anthony	Knoxville, TN	01-28-95
Bobby Blaze	Jerry Lawler	Knoxville, TN	02-26-95
Buddy Landell	Bobby Blaze	Johnson City, TN	04-08-95
Brad Armstrong	Buddy Landell	Johnson City, TN ³	08-12-95
Terry Gordy	Brad Armstrong	Knoxville, TN ⁴	10-20-95

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Brad Armstrong	Terry Gordy	Knoxville, TN	11-23-95
Tommy Rich ⁵	Brad Armstrong	Johnson City, TN	11-25-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This was a tournament final to establish the first Smoky Mountain heavyweight champion.

²This match was to fill a title vacancy created when the title was held up in May.

³This match filled the title vacancy created when the title was held up following a July 1 match in Barbourville, Kentucky, between Buddy Landell and Brad Armstrong.

⁴Terry Gordy pinned Brad Armstrong in a tag team match between Gordy & Headbanger Thrasher and Armstrong & The Wolfman; due to a prematch stipulation, Armstrong's title was on the line in the bout in the event he was pinned.

⁵Smoky Mountain officially suspended promotional operations just days after this card.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TAG TEAM TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
The Heavenly Bodies	The Fantastics	Harrowgate, TN ¹	04-23-92
The Fantastics	The Heavenly Bodies	Johnson City, TN	08-08-92
The Heavenly Bodies	The Fantastics	Benton, NC	08-10-92
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Harlan, KY	11-13-92
The Heavenly Bodies	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Hazzard, KY	11-26-92
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Welch, WV	11-27-92
The Heavenly Bodies	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Johnson City, TN	11-28-92
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Knoxville, TN	11-29-92
The Heavenly Bodies	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Newton, NC	01-18-93
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Johnson City, TN	05-15-93
The Bruise Brothers	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Council, VA	06-28-93
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Bruise Brothers	Morristown, TN	09-11-93
The Heavenly Bodies ²	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Boston, MA	11-24-93
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Port Huron, MI	02-18-94
The Heavenly Bodies	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Taylor, MI	02-19-94
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Pikeville, KY	04-01-94
Chris Candido & Brian Lee	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Johnson City, TN	04-23-94
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Chris Candido & Brian Lee	Knoxville, TN	08-05-94
Chris Candido & Brian Lee	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Johnson City, TN	08-06-94
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Chris Candido & Brian Lee	Salville, VA	08-08-94
The Gangstas	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Knoxville, TN ³	09-16-94
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Gangstas	Knoxville, TN	12-25-94
Al Snow & Unibomb	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Pikeville, KY	04-07-95
Tony Anthony & Tracey Smothers	Al Snow & Unibomb	Jellico, TN	07-06-95
The Heavenly Bodies ⁴	Tony Anthony & Tracey Smothers	Knoxville, TN	08-04-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This was a tournament final to establish the first Smoky Mountain tag team champions.

²The Heavenly Bodies consists now of Tom Prichard & Jim Del Ray; previously, the team had consisted of Prichard and Stan Lane.

³SMW officials awarded the belts to The Gangstas on October 3 after The Gangstas' lawyer filed a protest following this bout.

⁴Smoky Mountain officially suspended promotional operations just days after their November 25, 1995, card in Johnson City, Tennessee.

USWA HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Jerry Lawler	Kerry Von Erich	Chicago, IL ¹	12-13-88
Master Of Pain	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	04-01-89
Jerry Lawler	Master Of Pain	Memphis, TN	04-25-89
The Soultaker	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	10-23-89
Jerry Lawler	The Soultaker	Memphis, TN	11-06-89
King Cobra	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	12-30-89
Jerry Lawler	King Cobra	Memphis, TN	01-08-90
Jimmy Valiant	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	02-26-90
Jerry Lawler	Jimmy Valiant	Memphis, TN	03-12-90
Jimmy Valiant	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	04-28-90
Jerry Lawler	Jimmy Valiant	Memphis, TN	05-05-90
The Snowman	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	06-18-90
Jerry Lawler	Austin Idol	Memphis, TN ²	10-08-90
Terry Funk	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	11-05-90
Jerry Lawler	Terry Funk	Memphis, TN	03-11-91
Awesome Kong	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	07-29-91
Jerry Lawler	Awesome Kong	Memphis, TN	08-12-91
Dragon Master	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	08-26-91
Jerry Lawler	Dragon Master	Memphis, TN	09-02-91
Kamala	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	11-25-91
Jerry Lawler	Kamala	Memphis, TN	12-02-91
Kamala	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	12-09-91
Koko B. Ware	Kamala	Memphis, TN	02-24-92
Kamala	Koko B. Ware	Memphis, TN	03-16-92
Jerry Lawler	Kamala	Memphis, TN	05-04-92
Eddie Gilbert	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	06-15-92
Rick Morton	Eddie Gilbert	Memphis, TN	07-13-92
Eddie Gilbert	Rick Morton	Memphis, TN	07-20-92
Junkyard Dog	Eddie Gilbert	Memphis, TN	09-21-92
Butch Reed	Junkyard Dog	Memphis, TN	10-12-92
Todd Champion	Butch Reed	Cleveland, OH	10-17-92
Jerry Lawler	Todd Champion	Memphis, TN	11-02-92
Koko B. Ware	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	12-07-92
Jerry Lawler	Koko B. Ware	Memphis, TN	12-14-92
Papa Shango	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	05-03-93

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Owen Hart	Papa Shango	Memphis, TN	06-21-93
Jerry Lawler	Owen Hart	Memphis, TN	07-05-93
Tatanka	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	09-13-93
Jerry Lawler	Tatanka	Memphis, TN ³	09-20-93
Randy Savage	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	10-11-93
Jeff Jarrett	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN ⁴	11-22-93
Jerry Lawler	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	12-20-93
Eddie Gilbert	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	01-31-94
Jerry Lawler	Eddie Gilbert	Memphis, TN	02-07-94
Eddie Gilbert	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	02-14-94
Jerry Lawler	Eddie Gilbert	Sanatobia, MS	03-24-94
Sid Vicious	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN ⁵	07-16-94
Jerry Lawler	Sid Vicious	Memphis, TN	02-06-95
Bill Dundee	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	02-25-95
Razor Ramon	Bill Dundee	Memphis, TN	04-03-95
Jerry Lawler	Razor Ramon	Memphis, TN	05-01-95
Ahmed Johnson	Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	11-06-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This was the main event of the SuperClash II pay-per-view. The match was stopped due to Kerry Von Erich bleeding too heavily. Jerry Lawler, who held the AWA World title at the time, unified that title with Von Erich's World Class heavyweight title; the unified championship became known as the USWA heavyweight title.

²This was the final bout in a 21-man tournament. The Snowman had been stripped of the title on August 27 after he was injured and could not defend the belt within the required 30-day period.

³This was a Survivor Series final, an eight-man match that saw Jerry Lawler pin Tatanka in a bout pitting Lawler, Jeff Jarrett, & The Moondogs against Tatanka, Tommy Rich, & The Dog Catchers.

⁴This was a battle royal to fill the title vacancy created when Randy Savage left the USWA just a few days earlier.

⁵Jerry Lawler forfeited the title because he was injured by Sid Vicious earlier on the card and could not appear for the scheduled match.

USWA SOUTHERN TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Tony Anthony	Dustin Rhodes	Memphis, TN ¹	10-02-89
Bill Dundee	Tony Anthony	Memphis, TN	11-19-89
John Tatum	Bill Dundee	Dallas, TX	05-03-90
Bill Dundee	John Tatum	Dallas, TX	05-18-90
John Tatum	Bill Dundee	Dallas, TX	06-15-90
Bill Dundee	John Tatum	Dallas, TX	06-22-90
John Tatum	Bill Dundee	Dallas, TX	07-04-90
Jeff Jarrett	Dick Slater ²	Nashville, TN	10-06-90
Eddie Gilbert	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	10-29-90
Jeff Jarrett	Brian Lee	Memphis, TN ³	01-14-91
Jeff Jarrett	Steve Austin	Memphis, TN ⁴	03-09-91
Tom Prichard	Jeff Jarrett	Dallas, TX	03-15-91

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Jeff Jarrett	Tom Prichard	Dallas, TX	04-12-91
Eric Embry	Jeff Jarrett	Dallas, TX	05-03-91
Bill Dundee	Eric Embry	Memphis, TN	05-13-91
Eric Embry	Bill Dundee	Memphis, TN	05-20-91
Tom Prichard	Eric Embry	Memphis, TN	11-04-91
Eric Embry	Tom Prichard	Memphis, TN	11-09-91
Tom Prichard	Eric Embry	Memphis, TN	12-02-91
Eric Embry	Tom Prichard	Memphis, TN	12-09-91
Tom Prichard	Eric Embry	Memphis, TN	02-08-92
Dr. Death	Tom Prichard	Nashville, TN	03-14-92
Jimmy Valiant	Dr. Death	Memphis, TN	03-16-92
Brian Christopher	Jimmy Valiant	Memphis, TN	03-23-92
Tom Prichard	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	04-20-92
Brian Christopher	Tom Prichard	Memphis, TN	05-04-92
Tom Prichard	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	06-29-92
Brian Christopher	Tom Prichard	Memphis, TN	07-20-92
Tom Prichard	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	07-27-92
Brian Christopher	Tom Prichard	Memphis, TN	08-03-92
Reno Riggins	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	08-10-92
Brian Christopher	Reno Riggins	Memphis, TN	09-21-92
Jeff Jarrett	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	12-21-92
Brian Christopher	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	01-11-93
Jeff Jarrett	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	03-01-93
Brian Christopher	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	05-01-93
Jeff Jarrett	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	06-28-93
Vampire Warrior	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	07-18-93
Jeff Jarrett	Vampire Warrior	Memphis, TN	08-23-93
Tommy Rich	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	09-13-93
Jeff Jarrett	Tommy Rich	Memphis, TN ⁵	10-04-93
Buddy Landell	Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	11-22-93
Brian Christopher	Buddy Landell	Flatwoods, KY	12-09-93
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	02-07-94
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	Memphis, TN	02-14-94
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	02-21-94
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	Memphis, TN	02-28-94
Eddie Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	03-14-94
Brian Christopher	Eddie Gilbert	Memphis, TN	03-19-94
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	05-02-94
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	Memphis, TN	05-09-94
Troy Graham	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	06-06-94
Brian Christopher	Troy Graham	Memphis, TN	07-11-94
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	08-01-94
Tommy Rich	Buddy Landell	Memphis, TN ⁶	10-03-94
Brian Christopher	Tommy Rich	Memphis, TN	12-05-94
Tommy Rich	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	12-19-94
Brian Christopher	Tommy Rich	Memphis, TN	01-07-95
Brian Lee	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	04-03-95
Brian Lee	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN ⁷	04-17-95
Doug Gilbert	Brian Lee	Memphis, TN	05-13-95
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	Memphis, TN	05-29-95

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Billy Jack Haynes	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	06-26-95
Brad Armstrong	Billy Jack Haynes	Knoxville, TN	08-04-95
Billy Jack Haynes	Brad Armstrong	Memphis, TN	08-07-95
Brian Christopher	Billy Jack Haynes	Memphis, TN	09-11-95
Jesse James Armstrong	Brian Christopher	Memphis, TN	10-07-95
Brian Christopher	Jesse James Armstrong	Memphis, TN	10-23-95

FOOTNOTES:

- ¹This was a tournament final to determine the first Southern champion.
²The title had been declared vacant in July 1990. USWA officials declared Dick Slater holder of the reinstated championship in late-September.
³This was a tournament final. The title was declared vacant when Eddie Gilbert left the USWA approximately a month earlier.
⁴This was a tournament final. The title was held up following a February 25 bout in Memphis in which Steve Austin beat Jeff Jarrett with his foot on the ropes.
⁵This was to declare a champion in the wake of the title having been held up after a Tommy Rich-Jeff Jarrett bout on September 25, 1993.
⁶This was a tournament final to fill a title vacancy. Doug Gilbert had been stripped of the title two weeks earlier for failing to make the required number of title defenses.
⁷The title had been held up following an April 10 match between Brian Lee and Brian Christopher.

USWA TAG TEAM TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Jeff Jarrett & Matt Borne ¹	Cactus Jack & Sheik Braddock	Dallas, TX	08-11-89
Sheik Braddock & Ron Starr	Jeff Jarrett & Matt Borne	Dallas, TX	09-15-89
Jeff Jarrett & Matt Borne	Sheik Braddock & Ron Starr	Dallas, TX	09-29-89
Robert Fuller & Brian Lee	Jeff Jarrett & Matt Borne	Dallas, TX ²	12-01-89
Rex King & Steve Doll	Robert Fuller & Brian Lee	Memphis, TN	02-03-90
Robert Fuller & Brian Lee	Rex King & Steve Doll	Louisville, KY	02-06-90
Rex King & Steve Doll	Robert Fuller & Brian Lee	Memphis, TN	02-12-90
Brickhouse Brown & Sweet Daddy Falcone	Rex King & Steve Doll	Memphis, TN	04-28-90
Rex King & Steve Doll	Brickhouse Brown & Sweet Daddy Falcone	Memphis, TN	05-21-90
Tony Anthony & Tom Burton	Rex King ³	Memphis, TN	06-02-90
Rex King & Joey Maggs	Tony Anthony & Tom Burton	Memphis, TN	06-23-90
Brian Lee & Don Harris	Rex King & Joey Maggs	Memphis, TN	08-11-90
Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Brian Lee & Chuck Casey ⁴	Memphis, TN	09-03-90
Don Harris & Brian Lee	Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Memphis, TN	09-10-90
Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Don Harris & Brian Lee	Memphis, TN	09-17-90
Doug Gilbert & Tony Anthony	Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Memphis, TN	10-06-90
Jeff Jarrett & Cody Michaels	Doug Gilbert & Tony Anthony	Memphis, TN	11-24-90
Doug Gilbert & Tony Anthony	Jeff Jarrett & Cody Michaels	Memphis, TN	12-08-90
Stan Lane & Steve Keirn	Doug Gilbert & Tony Anthony	Memphis, TN	01-07-91
Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	Stan Lane & Steve Keirn	Memphis, TN	02-04-91
The Texas Hangmen	Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	Louisville, KY	03-26-91

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller	The Texas Hangmen	Memphis, TN	05-13-91
The Barroom Brawlers	Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller	Memphis, TN	07-08-91
Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller	The Barroom Brawlers	Memphis, TN	07-15-91
The Texas Outlaws	Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller	Memphis, TN	09-26-91
Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller	The Texas Outlaws	Memphis, TN	10-07-91
Doug Masters & Bart Sawyer	Jeff Jarrett & Robert Fuller	Memphis, TN	11-04-91
Robert Fuller & The Young Gun	Doug Masters & Bart Sawyer	Memphis, TN	11-25-91
The Moondogs	Robert Fuller & The Young Gun	Memphis, TN	11-30-91
Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	06-29-92
The Moondogs	Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	07-06-92
Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	07-20-92
The Moondogs	Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	08-10-92
Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	08-17-92
The Moondogs	Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett	Memphis, TN	10-03-92
Ron & Don Harris	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	12-28-92
The Moondogs	Ron & Don Harris	Memphis, TN	01-11-93
Ron & Don Harris	Jerry Lawler & Jeff Jarrett ⁵	Memphis, TN	01-25-93
The Moondogs	Ron & Don Harris	Memphis, TN	02-01-93
Ron & Don Harris	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	02-15-93
The Moondogs	Ron & Don Harris	Memphis, TN	02-22-93
Brian Christopher & Big Black Dog	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	03-08-93
The Moondogs	Brian Christopher & Big Black Dog	Memphis, TN	03-15-93
Brian Christopher & Scotty Flamingo	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	03-22-93
The Moondogs	Brian Christopher & Scotty Flamingo	Memphis, TN	03-29-93
Steve Doll & Rex King	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	04-12-93
New Jack & Homeboy	Steve Doll & Rex King	Memphis, TN	06-21-93
C.W. Bergstrom & Melvin Penrod Jr.	New Jack & Homeboy	Memphis, TN	07-05-93

**THE MOONDOGS**

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
The Moondogs	C.W. Bergstrom & Melvin Penrod Jr.	Memphis, TN	08-02-93
The Dogcatchers	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	08-16-93
The Moondogs	The Dogcatchers	Memphis, TN	09-06-93
The Dogcatchers	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	09-13-93
Moondog Spike & Mike Anthony	The Dogcatchers	Memphis, TN	10-04-93
Rex Hargrove & Koko B. Ware	Moondog Spike & Mike Anthony	Memphis, TN	11-01-93
Brian Christopher & Jeff Jarrett	Rex Hargrove & Koko B. Ware	Memphis, TN	11-08-93
PG-13	Brian Christopher & Jeff Jarrett ⁶	Memphis, TN	11-27-93
Mike Anthony & Jeff Gaylord	PG-13	Memphis, TN	11-29-93
The War Machines	Mike Anthony & Jeff Gaylord	Memphis, TN	12-06-93
Far Two Wild	The War Machines	Memphis, TN	12-08-93
Far Two Wild ⁷	PG-13	Memphis, TN	01-08-94
The Bruise Brothers	Far Two Wild	Memphis, TN	01-10-94
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Bruise Brothers	Louisa, KY	01-23-94
The Moondogs	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Memphis, TN	01-31-94
Brian Christopher & Eddie Gilbert ⁸	The Eliminators	Jonesboro, AR	04-23-94
The Eliminators	Brian Christopher & Eddie Gilbert	Memphis, TN	05-02-94
PG-13	The Eliminators	Memphis, TN	06-13-94
Dante & The Great Mephisto	PG-13	Memphis, TN ⁹	08-15-94
PG-13	Dante & The Great Mephisto	Memphis, TN	08-29-94
The Phantoms	PG-13	Louisville, KY	10-18-94
The Moondogs	The Phantoms	Memphis, TN	10-24-94
Jimmy & Ron Harris	The Moondogs	Memphis, TN	12-26-94
PG-13	Jimmy & Ron Harris	Memphis, TN	12-26-94
Doug Gilbert & Tommy Rich	PG-13	Memphis, TN	01-09-95
PG-13	Doug Gilbert & Tommy Rich	Memphis, TN	01-09-95
Doug Gilbert & Tommy Rich	PG-13	Memphis, TN	01-14-95
PG-13	Doug Gilbert & Tommy Rich	Memphis, TN	03-13-95
Brickhouse Brown & The Gambler	PG-13	Memphis, TN	04-15-95
PG-13	Brickhouse Brown & The Gambler	Memphis, TN	05-01-95
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	PG-13	Memphis, TN	07-03-95
PG-13	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Memphis, TN	07-10-95
The Heavenly Bodies	PG-13	Memphis, TN	08-07-95
PG-13	Terry Gordy & Tracey Smothers	Memphis, TN ¹⁰	08-28-95
Jesse James Armstrong & Tracey Smothers	PG-13	Memphis, TN	10-28-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹Jeff Jarrett & Matt Borne are recognized as the first USWA tag team champions; the title was previously known as the World Class tag team title, but on August 18, 1989, victory by Eric Embry over P.Y. Chu-Hi for the heavyweight title ended months of legal wrangling and officially changed the name of World Class to the USWA.

²This was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant when Matt Borne lost a loser-leaves-town match.

³Steve Doll was unable to make it to the arena for the title defense, so Rex King defended the title in a handicap bout.

⁴Chuck Casey was substituting for Don Harris.

⁵This was a tournament final. The Moondogs were stripped of the title due to Spike being injured.

⁶Brian Christopher was forced to defend the title alone, having been abandoned by Jeff Jarrett before the match.

⁷This was a match to award the title that had been held up on January 3, 1994, following a controversial hospital elimination match between Far Two Wild and PG-13.

⁸This was a tournament final. The title had been vacated on April 16, 1994, following a controversial bout between The Moondogs and Billy Travis & Don Bass.

⁹The title had been held up on August 15, 1994, after champions PG-13 and Dante & The Great Mephisto battle to a simultaneous double-pin. Dante & Mephisto won the immediate rematch.

¹⁰This was a tournament final. The title had been held up following a controversial match between The Heavenly Bodies and PG-13 on August 21, 1995, in Memphis, Tennessee.

IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Hulk Hogan	Antonio Inoki	Tokyo, Japan ¹	06-02-83
Antonio Inoki	Hulk Hogan	Tokyo, Japan	06-14-84
Antonio Inoki	Dick Murdoch	Tokyo, Japan ²	06-19-86
Tatsumi Fujinami	Big Van Vader	Tokyo, Japan ³	05-08-88
Big Van Vader	Shinya Hashimoto	Tokyo, Japan ⁴	04-24-89
Salman Hashimikov	Big Van Vader	Osaka, Japan	05-25-89
Riki Choshu	Salman Hashimikov	Osaka, Japan	07-12-89
Big Van Vader	Riki Choshu	Tokyo, Japan	08-10-89
Riki Choshu	Big Van Vader	Tokyo, Japan	08-19-90
Tatsumi Fujinami	Riki Choshu	Hamamatsu, Japan	12-26-90
Big Van Vader	Tatsumi Fujinami	Yokohama, Japan	01-17-91
Tatsumi Fujinami	Big Van Vader	Hiroshima, Japan	03-04-91
Riki Choshu	Tatsumi Fujinami	Tokyo, Japan	01-04-92
The Great Muta	Riki Choshu	Fukuoka, Japan	08-16-92
Shinya Hashimoto	The Great Muta	Nagoya, Japan	09-20-93
Tatsumi Fujinami	Shinya Hashimoto	Hiroshima, Japan	04-04-94
Shinya Hashimoto	Tatsumi Fujinami	Fukuoka, Japan	05-01-94
The Great Muta	Shinya Hashimoto	Fukuoka, Japan	05-03-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This is the final round of a 10-man tournament; Hulk Hogan wins the title via knockout.

²This is a tournament final; the title had been declared vacant a month earlier.

³This is a tournament final; the title had been declared vacant approximately a week earlier when Antonio Inoki suffered a broken foot.

⁴This is a tournament final; Tatsumi Fujinami vacated the title on April 5, 1989.



BIG VAN VADER & BAM BAM BIGELOW

IWGP INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura	Antonio Inoki & Seiji Sakaguchi	Sendai, Japan ¹	12-12-85
Akira Maeda & Osamu Kido	Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura	Tokyo, Japan	08-05-86
Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura	Akira Maeda & Osamu Kido	Tokyo, Japan	09-23-86
The Great Muta & Shiro Koshinaka	Akira Maeda & Nobuhiko Takada	Tokyo, Japan ²	03-20-87
Akira Maeda & Nobuhiko Takada	The Great Muta & Shiro Koshinaka	Osaka, Japan	03-26-87
Yoshiaki Fujiwara & Kazuo Yamazaki	Akira Maeda & Nobuhiko Takada	Fukukoa, Japan	09-01-87
Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura	Yoshiaki Fujiwara & Kazuo Yamazaki	Takuyama, Japan	01-18-88
Masa Saito & Riki Choshu	Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura	Hiroshima, Japan	06-10-88
Super Strong Machine & George Takano	Masa Saito & Riki Choshu	Yokohama, Japan	03-19-89
Riki Choshu & Takayuki Iizuka	Super Strong Machine & George Takano	Tokyo, Japan	07-13-89
Masa Saito & Shinya Hashimoto	Riki Choshu & Takayuki Iizuka	Osaka, Japan	09-20-89
The Great Muta & Masa Chono	Masa Saito & Shinya Hashimoto	Tokyo, Japan	04-27-90
Hiroshi Hase & Kensuke Sasaki	The Great Muta & Masa Chono	Tokyo, Japan	11-02-90

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Super Strong Machine & Hiro Saito	Hiroshi Hase & Kensuke Sasaki	Hamamatsu, Japan	12-26-90
Hiroshi Hase & Kensuke Sasaki	Super Strong Machine & Hiro Saito	Nagasaki, Japan	03-06-91
Rick & Scott Steiner	Hiroshi Hase & Kensuke Sasaki	Tokyo, Japan	03-21-91
Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta	Rick Steiner & Scott Norton ³	Tokyo, Japan	11-05-91
Bam Bam Bigelow & Big Van Vader	Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta	Yokohama, Japan	03-01-92
Rick & Scott Steiner	Bam Bam Bigelow & Big Van Vader	Tokyo, Japan	06-26-92
Scott Norton & Tony Halme	Rick & Scott Steiner	Tokyo, Japan	11-22-92
Kensuke Sasaki & Hawk	Scott Norton & Tony Halme	Tokyo, Japan	12-14-92
Scott Norton & Hercules	Kensuke Sasaki & Hawk	Tokyo, Japan	08-05-93
Kensuke Sasaki & Hawk	Scott Norton & Hercules	Tokyo, Japan	01-04-94
Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta	Kensuke Sasaki & Hawk	Iwate, Japan	11-25-94
Masa Chono & Hiroyoshi Tenzan	Shinya Hashimoto & Junji Hirata	Osaka, Japan ⁴	06-12-95
Shinya Hashimoto & Junji Hirata	Scott Norton & Mike Enos	Sapporo, Japan ⁵	07-13-95

FOOTNOTES:

¹This was a tournament final.

²This was a tournament final; the title had been declared vacant earlier in 1987 when Tatsumi Fujinami and Kengo Kimura split up their team.

³IWGP officials declared the title vacant when Scott Steiner failed to appear for a scheduled title defense. Rick Steiner was allowed to choose a partner and wrestle Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta for the vacant title.

⁴This match was held to fill the title vacancy created when Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta stepped down from the championship shortly after Muta won the IWGP heavyweight title on May 3, 1995.

⁵The title was declared vacant a few days prior to this bout when it was determined that Masa Chono & Hiroyoshi Tenzan couldn't defend the championship on this date due to personal reasons (Chono's father passed away).

SECTION TWO:

IMPORTANT DEFUNCT CHAMPIONSHIPS

AWA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Verne Gagne ¹	—	Minneapolis, MN	08-16-60
Gene Kiniski	Verne Gagne	Minneapolis, MN	07-11-61
Verne Gagne	Gene Kiniski	Bloomington, MN	08-08-61
Mr. M	Verne Gagne	Minneapolis, MN	01-08-62
Verne Gagne	Mr. M ²	Minneapolis, MN	08-21-62
The Crusher	Verne Gagne	Minneapolis, MN	07-09-63
Verne Gagne	The Crusher	Minneapolis, MN	07-20-63
Fritz Von Erich	Verne Gagne	Omaha, NE	07-27-63
Verne Gagne	Fritz Von Erich	Amarillo, TX	08-08-63
The Crusher	Verne Gagne	St. Paul, MN	11-28-63
Verne Gagne	The Crusher	Minneapolis, MN	12-14-63
Mad Dog Vachon	Verne Gagne	Minneapolis, MN	10-20-64
The Crusher	Mad Dog Vachon	St. Paul, MN	08-21-65
Mad Dog Vachon	The Crusher	Denver, CO	11-11-65
Verne Gagne	Mad Dog Vachon	St. Paul, MN	02-26-67
Dr. X (Dick Beyers)	Verne Gagne	Bloomington, MN	08-17-68
Verne Gagne	Dr. X (Dick Beyers)	Minneapolis, MN	08-31-68
Nick Bockwinkel	Verne Gagne	St. Paul, MN	11-08-75
Verne Gagne ³	Nick Bockwinkel	Chicago, IL	07-18-80
Nick Bockwinkel ⁴	—	—	05-19-81
Otto Wanz	Nick Bockwinkel	St. Paul, MN	08-29-82
Nick Bockwinkel	Otto Wanz	Chicago, IL	10-09-82
Jumbo Tsuruta	Nick Bockwinkel	Tokyo, Japan	02-22-84
Rick Martel	Jumbo Tsuruta	St. Paul, MN	05-13-84
Stan Hansen	Rick Martel	East Rutherford, NJ	12-29-85
Nick Bockwinkel ⁵	—	Denver, CO	06-29-86
Curt Hennig	Nick Bockwinkel	San Francisco, CA ⁶	05-02-87
Jerry Lawler	Curt Hennig	Memphis, TN	05-09-88
Larry Zbyszko ⁷	—	St. Paul, MN	02-07-89
Mr. Saito	Larry Zbyszko	Tokyo, Japan	02-10-90
Larry Zbyszko ⁸	Mr. Saito	St. Paul, MN	04-08-90

FOOTNOTES:

¹August 1960 saw the formation of the American Wrestling Association. Title recognition was given to Verne Gagne who, at the time, was generally recognized as *the* uncrowned champion in wrestling.

²It was later discovered that Mr. M was Dr. Bill Miller.

³Verne Gagne held the title until his retirement on May 10, 1981.

⁴Nick Bockwinkel was awarded the title due to Verne Gagne's retirement, his No. 1 ranking at the time, and his status as former champion.

⁵Nick Bockwinkel was scheduled to challenge Stan Hansen for the belt. Hansen left the arena, and it was determined by AWA President Stanley Blackburn that if he did not return by the end of the last match on the card, the title would be awarded to Bockwinkel by default. It was.

⁶The title was officially awarded to Curt Hennig on 05-13-87 when, by a 4-2 vote, an AWA review board determined through videotape replay that there was no evidence Larry Zbyszko illegally aided Hennig.

⁷This was a battle royal victory; Larry Zbyszko last eliminated Tom Zenk to win the title. Jerry Lawler had been stripped of the title by AWA President Stanley Blackburn for missing seven mandatory title defenses in AWA territories.

⁸Larry Zbyszko was stripped of the title on 12-12-90 when he left the AWA for WCW. Shortly thereafter, the AWA folded.

AWA WORLD TAG TEAM TITLE

(NOTE: This tag team title grew out of the NWA International tag team title, which began in 1959, and the NWA World tag team title.)

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Hardboiled Haggerty & Len Montana	Tiny Mills & Stan Kowalski ¹	Minneapolis, MN	10-04-60
Wilbur Snyder & Leo Nomellini	Hardboiled Haggerty & Gene Kiniski ²	Minneapolis, MN	05-23-61
Hardboiled Haggerty & Gene Kiniski	Wilbur Snyder & Leo Nomellini	St. Paul, MN	07-19-61
Dale Lewis & Pat Kennedy	Hardboiled Haggerty & Bob Geigel ³	Rochester, MN	11-16-61
Bob Geigel & Otto Von Krupp	Dale Lewis & Pat Kennedy	Rochester, MN	11-23-61
Larry Hennig & Duke Hoffman ⁴	Ivan & Nikita Kalmikoff	—	01-15-62
Bob Geigel & Stan Kowalski	Larry Hennig & Duke Hoffman	Minneapolis, MN	02-13-62
Art & Stan Neilson	Bob Geigel & Stan Kowalski	Cincinnati, OH	04-??-62
Doug Gilbert & Dick Steinborn	Art & Stan Neilson	St. Paul, MN	12-16-62
Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff	Doug Gilbert & Dick Steinborn	Minneapolis, MN	01-01-63
Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff	Minneapolis, MN	08-20-63
Verne Gagne & Moose Evans	Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Minneapolis, MN	02-09-64
Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Verne Gagne & Moose Evans	St. Paul, MN	02-23-64
Larry Hennig & Harley Race	Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Minneapolis, MN	01-30-65
Crusher & Verne Gagne	Larry Hennig & Harley Race	Minneapolis, MN	07-24-65
Larry Hennig & Harley Race	Crusher & Verne Gagne	Minneapolis, MN	08-07-65
Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Larry Hennig & Harley Race	Minneapolis, MN	05-28-66
Larry Hennig & Harley Race	Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Chicago, IL	01-06-67
Pat O'Connor & Wilbur Snyder	Harley Race & Chris Markoff ⁵	Chicago, IL	11-10-67
Mitsu Arakawa & Dr. Moto	Pat O'Connor & Wilbur Snyder	Chicago, IL	12-02-67
Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Mitsu Arakawa & Dr. Moto	Chicago, IL	12-28-68
Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon	Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Chicago, IL	08-30-69

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Red Bastien & Hercules Cortez	Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon	Milwaukee, WI	05-15-71
Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens	Red Bastien & Crusher ⁶	Denver, CO	01-20-72
Verne Gagne & Billy Robinson	Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens	Minneapolis, MN	12-30-72
Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens	Verne Gagne & Billy Robinson	St. Paul, MN	01-06-73
Crusher & Billy Robinson	Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens	Green Bay, WI	07-21-74
Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens	Crusher & Billy Robinson	Winnipeg, Manitoba	10-24-74
Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens	Chicago, IL	08-16-75
Blackjack Lanza & Bobby Duncum	Crusher & Dick The Bruiser	Chicago, IL	07-23-76
Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell	Blackjack Lanza & Bobby Duncum	Winnipeg, Manitoba	07-07-77
Pat Patterson & Ray Stevens ⁷	-	-	09-22-78
Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon	Pat Patterson & Ray Stevens	Winnipeg, Manitoba	06-06-79
Adrian Adonis & Jesse Ventura ⁸	-	Denver, CO	07-20-80
Jim Brunzell & Greg Gagne	Adrian Adonis & Jesse Ventura	Green Bay, WI	06-14-81
Crusher Blackwell & Ken Patera	Jim Brunzell & Greg Gagne	Minneapolis, MN	06-26-83
Crusher & Baron Von Raschke	Crusher Blackwell & Ken Patera	Green Bay, WI	05-06-84
The Road Warriors	Crusher & Baron Von Raschke	Las Vegas, NV	08-25-84
Jim Garvin & Steve Regal	The Road Warriors	St. Paul, MN	09-29-85
Scott Hall & Curt Hennig	Jim Garvin & Steve Regal	Albuquerque, NM	01-18-86
Buddy Rose & Doug Somers	Scott Hall & Curt Hennig	Hammond, IN	05-17-86
Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels	Buddy Rose & Doug Somers	St. Paul, MN	01-27-87
Soldat Ustinov & Boris Zuhov	Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels	Lake Tahoe, NV	05-25-87
Bill Dundee & Jerry Lawler	Doug Somers & Soldat Ustinov ⁹	Memphis, TN	10-11-87
Dr. D & Hector Guerrero	Bill Dundee & Jerry Lawler	Memphis, TN	10-19-87
Bill Dundee & Jerry Lawler	Dr. D & Hector Guerrero	Memphis, TN	10-26-87
Dennis Condrey & Randy Rose	Bill Dundee & Jerry Lawler	Whitewater, WI	10-30-87
Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels	Dennis Condrey & Randy Rose	Las Vegas, NV	12-27-87
Paul Diamond & Pat Tanaka	Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels	Las Vegas, NV	03-19-88
Ken Patera & Brad Rheingans	Paul Diamond & Pat Tanaka	Rochester, MN	03-25-89

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Wayne Bloom & Mike Enos	Paul Diamond & Greg Gagne	Rochester, MN ¹⁰	10-01-89
D.J. Peterson & The Trooper	Wayne Bloom & Mike Enos	Rochester, MN ¹¹	08-11-90

FOOTNOTES:

¹Tiny Mills & Stan Kowalski were NWA International and NWA World tag team champions, and held the belts when the latter title was renamed the AWA World tag team title.

²Len Montana's leg was broken in a March 1961 bout; Hardboiled Haggerty chose Gene Kiniski as he replacement partner.

³Hardboiled Haggerty and Gene Kiniski had split up while champions; Haggerty chose Bob Geigel as his new partner.

⁴This was the final of a nine-team tournament. The title had been declared vacant earlier in the month when Otto Von Krupp was injured.

⁵Larry Hennig's leg had been broken some time before this match by Verne Gagne, forcing Harley Race to choose a replacement partner.

⁶Red Bastien chose Crusher as his new partner after Hercules Cortez was killed in an automobile accident in Minnesota on July 23, 1971.

⁷Pat Patterson and Ray Stevens were awarded the belts by AWA President Stanley Blackburn when Jim Brunzell injured himself in a softball game and the championship team of Brunzell and Greg Gagne were unable to defend the belts.

⁸Verne Gagne was vacationing in Europe at the time of the bout; Adonis and Ventura were awarded the belts by default.

⁹Doug Somers was allowed to substitute for Boris Zuhov, who had moved from the AWA to the WWE.

¹⁰This was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant on September 18, 1989, when Ken Patera was injured by Wayne Bloom and Mike Enos.

¹¹D.J. Peterson & The Trooper were the last champions. The AWA folded shortly thereafter.

FLORIDA STATE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

(NOTE: This title was formed in 1966 when Lester Welch defeated Sputnik Monroe in Tampa, Florida, to become the first champion. Our most reliable continuous lineage information stretches back only to August 7, 1980.)

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Bugsy McGraw	Don Muraco	Melbourne, FL	08-07-80
Bobby Jagers	Bugsy McGraw	Jacksonville, FL	10-11-80
Dusty Rhodes	Bobby Jagers	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	10-26-80
Dory Funk Jr.	Dusty Rhodes	Tampa, FL	11-04-80
Barry Windham	Dory Funk Jr.	West Palm Beach, FL	01-12-81
Dory Funk Jr. ¹	Barry Windham	Tampa, FL	04-08-81
Charlie Cook	Dory Funk Jr.	Tampa, FL	08-11-81
Dory Funk Jr.	Charlie Cook	Tampa, FL	09-01-81
Charlie Cook	Dory Funk Jr.	-	09-??-81
The Spoiler	Charlie Cook	Tampa, FL	11-03-81
Mr. Wrestling II	The Spoiler	Fort Pierce, FL	01-18-82
J.J. Dillon	Mr. Wrestling II	Orlando, FL	03-07-82

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Mr. Wrestling II	J.J. Dillon	St. Petersburg, FL	03-27-82
Jim Garvin	Mr. Wrestling II	West Palm Beach, FL	05-03-82
Brian Blair	Jim Garvin	Orlando, FL	07-11-82
Bruiser Brody	Brian Blair	West Palm Beach, FL	08-23-82
Kevin Sullivan	Barry Windham	Tampa, FL ²	10-06-82
Mike Graham	Kevin Sullivan	Miami, FL	01-05-83
Scott McGhee	Johnny Heffernan	Tampa, FL ³	03-23-83
Jos LeDuc	Scott McGhee	Lakeland, FL	07-23-83
Barry Windham	Jos LeDuc	Sarasota, FL	09-17-83
Jos LeDuc	Barry Windham	Orlando, FL	09-18-83
Barry Windham	Jos LeDuc	West Palm Beach, FL	09-19-83
Mike Rotondo ⁴	Greg Valentine	St. Petersburg, FL	12-16-83
Kendo Nagasaki	Mike Rotondo	Orlando, FL	01-23-84
Billy Jack	Kendo Nagasaki	Lakeland, FL	03-31-84
Superstar Graham	Billy Jack	Orlando, FL	06-10-84
Scott McGhee	Superstar Graham	Orlando, FL	07-29-84
Jesse Barr	Scott McGhee	Orlando, FL	10-14-84
Brian Blair	Jesse Barr	Orlando, FL	01-06-85
Jesse Barr	Brian Blair	Tampa, FL	02-12-85
Hector Guerrero	Jesse Barr	Orlando, FL	05-05-85
Hercules Hernandez	Hector Guerrero	Orlando, FL	06-30-85
Jack Hart	Mike Graham	Tampa, FL ⁵	07-23-85
Kendall Windham	Jack Hart	Tampa, FL	09-02-85
The Cuban Assassin	Kendall Windham	Tampa, FL	02-19-86
Kendall Windham	The Cuban Assassin	Tampa, FL	03-11-86
The White Ninja	Kendall Windham	Tampa, FL	05-21-86
Kendall Windham	The White Ninja	Orlando, FL	06-09-86
Ron Bass	Kendall Windham	Tampa, FL	07-15-86
Barry Windham	Ron Bass	Daytona, FL	09-01-86
Ron Bass	Barry Windham	Tampa, FL	09-16-86
Barry Windham	Ron Bass	Tampa, FL ⁶	10-08-86
Kareem Muhammad	Barry Windham	Lakeland, FL	11-25-86
Ron Simmons	Kareem Muhammad	Tampa, FL	12-02-86
Bad News Allen	Ron Simmons	Tampa, FL	01-20-87
Sir Oliver Humperdink	Bad News Allen	Tampa, FL	02-24-87
Mike Rotondo ⁷	Oliver Humperdink	Lakeland, FL	04-18-87

FOOTNOTES:

¹Dory Funk Jr. was awarded the title via forfeit when Barry Windham, injured in an auto accident, was unable to defend the title.

²This match was the last round of a title tournament. Bruiser Brody had been stripped of the title when an August 24, 1982, match between Brody and Brian Blair reached an irresponsible level of brutality.

³This was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant when Mike Graham was injured and unable to defend the title for 30 days.

⁴This is a tournament final. Barry Windham had been stripped of the title when he left Florida to compete in Japan.

⁵This is a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant several weeks earlier when Hercules Hernandez left Florida to compete in the WWF.

⁶This match was to determine the champion after the title had been held up following a match in which Ron Bass used chloroform against Barry Windham.

⁷Mike Rotondo gave the title belt to Rick Steiner in December 1988. He was subsequently stripped of the title, and the championship was abandoned later that month.

GEORGIA NATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Jack Brisco ¹	Terry Funk	—	10-??-80
Mongolian Stomper	Jack Brisco	Atlanta, GA	12-06-80
Steve O	Mongolian Stomper	Atlanta, GA	03-29-81
Masked Superstar	Steve O	Columbus, GA	08-12-81
Tommy Rich	Masked Superstar	Columbus, GA	10-14-81
Masked Superstar	Tommy Rich	Atlanta, GA	11-27-81
Tommy Rich	Masked Superstar	Atlanta, GA	01-01-82
Ron Bass	Tommy Rich	Augusta, GA	03-15-82
Tommy Rich	Ron Bass	Augusta, GA	04-19-82
Buzz Sawyer	Tommy Rich	Atlanta, GA	05-02-82
Paul Orndorff ²	Buzz Sawyer	Atlanta, GA	06-20-82
Super Destroyer	Paul Orndorff	Atlanta, GA ³	08-29-82
Paul Orndorff	Super Destroyer	Atlanta, GA	10-03-82
Masked Superstar	Paul Orndorff	Atlanta, GA	10-17-82
Paul Orndorff	Masked Superstar	Atlanta, GA	11-07-82
Larry Zbyszko ⁴		Atlanta, GA	03-20-83
Larry Zbyszko	Mr. Wrestling II ⁶	Atlanta, GA	06-05-83
Brett Wayne	Larry Zbyszko	Atlanta, GA	09-25-83
Ted DiBiase	Brett Wayne	Cleveland, OH	11-18-83
Brad Armstrong ⁶	Ted DiBiase	Atlanta, GA	02-18-84
The Spoiler	Brad Armstrong	Wheeling, WV	04-12-84
Brad Armstrong	The Spoiler	Marietta, GA	05-04-84
The Spoiler	Brad Armstrong	Atlanta, GA	07-01-84
Ted DiBiase	The Spoiler	Macon, GA	07-14-84
Ronnie Garvin	Ted DiBiase	Baltimore, MD	10-11-84
Black Bart	Ronnie Garvin	Atlanta, GA	06-08-85
Terry Taylor	Black Bart	Atlanta, GA	09-22-85
Buddy Landell	Terry Taylor	Greensboro, NC	11-28-85
Dusty Rhodes	Buddy Landell	Albuquerque, NM	12-19-85
Tully Blanchard	Dusty Rhodes	Spartanburg, SC	03-04-86
Wahoo McDaniel ⁹	Tully Blanchard	Los Angeles, CA	08-28-86

FOOTNOTES:

¹This is a tournament final.

²Paul Orndorff relinquished the championship belt on television in Atlanta on July 31, 1982. He claimed defending the belt took too much time away from preparations for NWA World title matches with Ric Flair.

³This was the final round of a round-robin tournament.

⁴Killer Brooks defeated Paul Orndorff in the scheduled title match. Larry Zbyszko bought the title from Brooks for \$25,000. Zbyszko was subsequently stripped of the title, on April 30, 1983. A tournament was ordered to determine the new champion.

⁵This is the final round of a title tournament; see note 4, above.

⁶Brad Armstrong masqueraded as Mr. R and was unmasked by Ted DiBiase, who thought it would be Tommy Rich under the mask. While Rich waved at DiBiase from Gordon Solie's broadcast podium, a shocked DiBiase became the victim of Armstrong's pin.

⁷Wahoo McDaniel was defeated by Nikita Koloff in a match to unify the National and U.S. titles, on September 28, 1986 in Atlanta. See U.S. title chart (page 137) for more information.

MID-SOUTH NORTH AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Mike George ¹	Mr. Wrestling II	Shreveport, LA	09-05-79
Ted DiBiase	Mike George	Shreveport, LA	02-01-80
The Grappler	Ted DiBiase	Shreveport, LA	09-19-80
Jake Roberts	The Grappler	—	06-??-81
Paul Orndorff	Jake Roberts	New Orleans, LA	07-04-81
Ted DiBiase	Paul Orndorff	—	11-01-81
Bob Roop	Ted DiBiase	Shreveport, LA	03-17-82
Junkyard Dog	Bob Roop	New Orleans, LA	06-21-82
Ted DiBiase	Junkyard Dog	Shreveport, LA	06-23-82
Stagger Lee	Ted DiBiase	New Orleans, LA	11-25-82
Junkyard Dog	Mr. Olympia	New Orleans, LA ²	04-16-83
Butch Reed	Junkyard Dog	New Orleans, LA	07-16-83
Junkyard Dog	Butch Reed	Shreveport, LA	10-26-83
Mr. Wrestling II	Junkyard Dog	New Orleans, LA	03-12-84
Magnum T.A.	Mr. Wrestling II	Tulsa, OK	05-13-84
Ernie Ladd	Magnum T.A.	Shreveport, LA	10-24-84
Brad Armstrong	Ernie Ladd	Shreveport, LA	12-05-84
Ted DiBiase	Brad Armstrong	Shreveport, LA	01-16-85
Terry Taylor	Ted DiBiase	Shreveport, LA	03-13-85
The Nightmare	Terry Taylor	Shreveport, LA	05-22-85
Dick Murdoch	The Nightmare	New Orleans, LA	08-10-85
Butch Reed	Dick Murdoch	New Orleans, LA	10-14-85
Dick Slater	Butch Reed	Tulsa, OK	01-01-86
Jake Roberts	Dick Slater	Houston, TX	02-14-86
Dick Slater	Jake Roberts	Oklahoma City, OK	02-23-86
Hacksaw Jim Duggan ³	Buzz Sawyer	Oklahoma City, OK	03-16-86

FOOTNOTES:

¹Mike George is the first Mid-South North American heavyweight champion, having defeated Mr. Wrestling II on February 16, 1979, for the title that was previously known as simply the North American title and renamed in August 1979.

²This was a tournament final. The title had been declared vacant in February 1983.

³This title was abandoned in May 1986 when Bill Watts' Mid-South region was renamed the UWF. Terry Gordy won the first UWF title in a May 30, 1986 tournament in Houston, Texas; One Man Gang won the title from Gordy via forfeit on November 9, 1986; Big Bubba Rogers won the title on April 19, 1987; Steve Williams won the title on July 11, 1987; the title was finally abandoned in December 1987 when the UWF became part of the NWA.

MISSOURI STATE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

WON BY	WON FROM	LOCATION	DATE
Harley Race ¹	Pak-Song	St. Louis, MO	09-16-72
Johnny Valentine	Harley Race ²	St. Louis, MO	01-19-73
Terry Funk	Johnny Valentine	St. Louis, MO	02-10-73
Gene Kiniski	Terry Funk	St. Louis, MO	03-16-73
Harley Race	Gene Kiniski	St. Louis, MO	10-13-73
Dory Funk Jr.	Harley Race	St. Louis, MO	05-24-74
Harley Race	Dory Funk Jr.	St. Louis, MO	02-21-75
Bob Backlund	Harley Race	St. Louis, MO	04-23-76
Jack Brisco	Bob Backlund	St. Louis, MO	11-26-76
Dick Slater	Jack Brisco	St. Louis, MO	08-12-77
Ted DiBiase	Dick Slater	St. Louis, MO	02-12-78
Dick Murdoch	Ted DiBiase	St. Louis, MO	02-26-78
Dick The Bruiser	Dick Murdoch	St. Louis, MO	07-14-78
Dick Murdoch	Dick The Bruiser	St. Louis, MO	03-17-79
Dick The Bruiser	Dick Murdoch	St. Louis, MO	05-18-79
Dick Murdoch	Dick The Bruiser	St. Louis, MO	07-13-79
Kevin Von Erich	Dick Murdoch	St. Louis, MO	11-23-79
Ken Patera	Kevin Von Erich	St. Louis, MO	04-25-80
Ted DiBiase	Ken Patera	St. Louis, MO	11-21-80
Jack Brisco	Ted DiBiase	St. Louis, MO	10-02-81
Ken Patera	Jack Brisco	St. Louis, MO	10-23-81
Dick The Bruiser	Ken Patera	St. Louis, MO	01-01-82
Harley Race	Dick The Bruiser	St. Louis, MO	09-17-82
Kerry Von Erich	Harley Race	St. Louis, MO	01-21-83
Crusher Blackwell	Kerry Von Erich	St. Louis, MO	04-15-83
Harley Race	Crusher Blackwell	St. Louis, MO	05-13-83
Ric Flair ³	David Von Erich	St. Louis, MO	07-15-83
David Von Erich	Ric Flair	St. Louis, MO	09-16-83
Harley Race	David Von Erich	St. Louis, MO	01-06-84
Crusher Blackwell	Harley Race	St. Louis, MO	11-16-84
Harley Race ⁴	Crusher Blackwell	St. Louis, MO	08-02-85

FOOTNOTES:

¹This was the final of a tournament that had begun on March 18, 1972.

²This match was to fill the title vacancy created on December 6, 1972, when a match between champion Harley Race and challenger Johnny Valentine ended in double-disqualification.

³This was a tournament final. The title had been vacated following Harley Race's defeat of Ric Flair for the NWA World title.

⁴This title was abandoned roughly six months after Harley Race's victory.

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DATE	FEDERATION	EVENT	SITE	CITY	LIVE ATTENDANCE
11-07-85	WWF	Wrestling Classic	Rosemont Horizon	Chicago, IL	14,000*
04-07-86	WWF	WrestleMania II	Nassau Coliseum	Uniondale, NY	15,500*
			Rosemont Horizon	Chicago, IL	9,000*
			The Sports Arena	Los Angeles, CA	14,500*
03-29-87	WWF	WrestleMania III	The Silverdome	Pontiac, MI	93,173
11-26-87	WWF	Survivor Series	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, OH	21,300*
01-24-88	NWA	Bunkhouse Stampede	Nassau Coliseum	Uniondale, NY	6,000*
03-27-88	WWF	WrestleMania IV	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City, NJ	14,000*
07-10-88	NWA	Great American Bash	Baltimore Arena	Baltimore, MD	14,000*
08-29-88	WWF	SummerSlam	Madison Square Garden	New York, NY	20,000*
11-24-88	WWF	Survivor Series	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, OH	13,500*
12-13-88	AWA	SuperClash II	UIC Pavilion	Chicago, IL	1,672
12-26-88	NWA	Starrcade	The Scope	Norfolk, VA	10,000*
01-15-89	WWF	Royal Rumble	The Summit	Houston, TX	19,000*
02-20-89	NWA	Chi-Town Rumble	UIC Pavilion	Chicago, IL	7,500*
04-02-89	WWF	WrestleMania V	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City, NJ	18,946
05-07-89	NWA	Music City Showdown	Municipal Auditorium	Nashville, TN	15,200*
07-23-89	NWA	Great American Bash	Baltimore Arena	Baltimore, MD	12,500
08-28-89	WWF	SummerSlam	Meadowlands Arena	East Rutherford, NJ	20,000*
10-28-89	NWA	Halloween Havoc	Civic Center	Philadelphia, PA	7,300*
11-23-89	WWF	Survivor Series	Rosemont Horizon	Chicago, IL	15,294
12-13-89	NWA	Starrcade	The Omni	Atlanta, GA	6,000*

DATE	FEDERATION	EVENT	SITE	CITY	LIVE ATTENDANCE
01-21-90	WWF	Royal Rumble	Orlando Arena	Orlando, FL	16,000*
02-25-90	NWA	Wrestle War	Greensboro Coliseum	Greensboro, NC	9,894
04-01-90	WWF	WrestleMania VI	SkyDome	Toronto, Ontario	67,678
05-19-90	NWA	Capital Combat	The Armory	Washington, DC	7,500*
07-07-90	NWA	Great American Bash	Baltimore Arena	Baltimore, MD	10,000*
08-27-90	WWF	SummerSlam	The Spectrum	Philadelphia, PA	19,304*
10-27-90	NWA	Halloween Havoc	UIC Pavilion	Chicago, IL	8,000
11-22-90	WWF	Survivor Series	Hartford Civic Center	Hartford, CT	16,000*
12-16-90	NWA	Starrcade	The Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis, MO	6,357
01-19-91	WWF	Royal Rumble	Miami Arena	Miami, FL	16,000*
02-24-91	WCW	Wrestle War	Veterans Memorial Coliseum	Phoenix, AZ	6,800
03-24-91	WWF	WrestleMania VII	Sports Arena	Los Angeles, CA	15,500
05-19-91	WCW	SuperBrawl I	Bayfront Arena	St. Petersburg, FL	4,887
06-09-91	UWF	Beach Brawl	Manatee Civic Center	Palmetto, FL	550*
07-04-91	WCW	Great American Bash	Baltimore Arena	Baltimore, MD	7,000*
08-26-91	WWF	SummerSlam	Madison Square Garden	New York, NY	20,000
10-27-91	WCW	Halloween Havoc	UTC Arena	Chattanooga, TN	8,900*
11-27-91	WWF	Survivor Series	Joe Louis Arena	Detroit, MI	17,500*
12-03-91	WWF	Tuesday In Texas	Freeman Coliseum	San Antonio, TX	8,000*
12-29-91	WCW	Starrcade	The Scope	Norfolk, VA	7,600*
01-19-92	WWF	Royal Rumble	Knickerbocker Arena	Albany, NY	17,000*
02-23-92	LPWA	Super Ladies Showdown	Mayo Civic Center	Rochester, MN	400
02-29-92	WCW	SuperBrawl II	The Mecca	Milwaukee, WI	5,000*
04-05-92	WWF	WrestleMania VIII	Hoosier Dome	Indianapolis, IN	62,167*
05-17-92	WCW	Wrestle War	Jacksonville Coliseum	Jacksonville, FL	6,000*

* indicates an estimated figure

boldface figures indicate sellout crowds; two sellouts in the same building may be different figures due to changing seating numbers because of television equipment needs

DATE	FEDERATION	EVENT	SITE	CITY	LIVE ATTENDANCE
06-20-92	WCW	Beach Blast	Civic Center	Mobile, AL	4,000*
07-12-92	WCW	Great American Bash	Civic Center	Albany, GA	8,000*
08-29-92	WWF	SummerSlam	Wembley Stadium	London, England	80,355
10-25-92	WCW	Halloween Havoc	Civic Center	Philadelphia, PA	7,000*
11-25-92	WWF	Survivor Series	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, OH	18,000
12-28-92	WCW	Starrcade	The Omni	Atlanta, GA	8,000*
01-24-93	WWF	Royal Rumble	Arco Arena	Sacramento, CA	16,000*
02-21-93	WCW	SuperBrawl III	Civic Center	Asheville, NC	6,500*
04-04-93	WWF	WrestleMania IX	Caesars Palace	Las Vegas, NV	15,045
05-23-93	WCW	Slamboree	The Omni	Atlanta, GA	7,008
06-13-93	WWF	King Of The Ring	The Nutter Center	Dayton, OH	6,500*
07-18-93	WCW	Beach Blast	Mississippi Coast Coliseum	Biloxi, MS	8,600*
08-30-93	WWF	SummerSlam	The Palace	Auburn Hills, MI	19,000*
10-04-93	UWFI	UWFI	Fighting Osaka Furitsu Gym	Osaka, Japan	5,900*
10-24-93	WCW	Halloween Havoc	Lakefront Arena	New Orleans, LA	6,000*
11-24-93	WWF	Survivor Series	Boston Garden	Boston, MA	15,509
12-27-93	WCW	Starrcade	Independence Arena	Charlotte, NC	7,300*
01-22-94	WWF	Royal Rumble	Civic Center	Providence, RI	14,500*
02-20-94	WCW	SuperBrawl IV	Civic Center	Albany, GA	7,600*
03-20-94	WWF	WrestleMania X	Madison Square Garden	New York, NY	18,065
04-17-94	WCW	Spring Stampede	Rosemont Horizon	Chicago, IL	12,200
05-22-94	WCW	Slamboree	Civic Center	Philadelphia, PA	4,000*
06-19-94	WWF	King Of The Ring	Baltimore Arena	Baltimore, MD	12,000
07-17-94	WCW	Bash At The Beach	Florida Arena	Orlando, FL	14,000
08-29-94	WWF	SummerSlam	United Center	Chicago, IL	23,000

DATE	FEDERATION	EVENT	SITE	CITY	LIVE ATTENDANCE
09-18-94	WCW	Fall Brawl	Civic Center	Roanoke, VA	6,500*
10-23-94	WCW	Halloween Havoc	Joe Louis Arena	Detroit, MI	14,000*
11-06-94	AAA	When Worlds Collide	Sports Arena	Los Angeles, CA	13,500*
11-23-94	WWF	Survivor Series	Freeman Coliseum	San Antonio, TX	10,000
12-27-94	WCW	Starrcade	Municipal Auditorium	Nashville, TN	8,200
01-22-95	WWF	Royal Rumble	Sun Dome	Tampa, FL	10,000*
02-19-95	WCW	SuperBrawl V	Baltimore Arena	Baltimore, MD	13,390
03-19-95	WCW	Uncensored	The Coliseum	Tupelo, MS	5,782
04-02-95	WWF	WrestleMania XI	Civic Center	Hartford, CT	15,000
05-14-95	WWF	In Your House I	Onondaga County War Memorial	Syracuse, NY	7,000*
05-21-95	WCW	Slamboree	Bayfront Center	St. Petersburg, FL	7,000*
06-18-95	WCW	Great American Bash	Hara Arena	Dayton, OH	6,000*
06-25-95	WWF	King Of The Ring	CoreStates Spectrum	Philadelphia, PA	15,000*
07-16-95	WCW	Bash At The Beach	on the beach	Huntington Beach, CA	10,000**
07-23-95	WWF	In Your House II	Municipal Auditorium	Nashville, TN	6,500*
08-04-95	New Japan	Collision In Korea	Mayday Stadium	Pyongyang, North Korea	170,000***
08-27-95	WWF	SummerSlam	Civic Arena	Pittsburgh, PA	18,062
09-17-95	WCW	Fall Brawl	Civic Center	Asheville, NC	6,600
09-24-95	WWF	In Your House III	Civic Center	Saginaw, MI	6,500*
10-22-95	WWF	In Your House IV	Winnipeg Arena	Winnipeg, Manitoba	10,339
10-29-95	WCW	Halloween Havoc	Joe Louis Arena	Detroit, MI	13,000*
11-19-95	WWF	Survivor Series	U.S. Air Arena	Landover, MD	14,000*
11-26-95	WCW	World War III	The Scope	Norfolk, VA	12,000*
12-17-95	WWF	In Your House V	Hersheypark Arena	Hershey, PA	N/A
12-27-95	WCW	Starrcade	Municipal Auditorium	Nashville, TN	N/A

* indicates an estimated figure

** indicates an approximate figure; this outdoor card on the beach allowed all fans to watch for free

*** this event drew an average of 170,000 per night for two nights; the pay-per-view card was an edited version of two nights of wrestling that took place April 28 and 29, 1995

boldface figures indicate sellout crowds; two sellouts in the same building may be different figures due to changing seating numbers because of television equipment needs

N/A means this figure was not available at press time

WRESTLING ON PAY-PER-VIEW COMPLETE RESULTS

In this section, you'll find complete results of every pay-per-view card in wrestling history, through WCW's World War III on November 26, 1995. In many cases, you'll also find results of matches not aired on the pay-per-view broadcasts! Unlike the chart on page 160, which lists all pay-per-views chronologically, we have broken down these results into three sections: WWF results, NWA/WCW results, and results from other pay-per-view events.

WWF ON PAY-PER-VIEW

WRESTLING CLASSIC

(November 7, 1985)

FIRST ROUND BOUTS: Adrian Adonis pinned Cpl. Kirschner following a DDT ... Dynamite Kid pinned Nikolai Volkoff in six seconds with a dropkick off the top rope just as Volkoff was finishing singing the Russian national anthem ... Randy Savage pinned Ivan Putski, but used the ropes for leverage ... Rick Steamboat defeated Davy Boy Smith when the referee stopped the match after Smith straddled himself on the top rope ... Junkyard Dog pinned The Iron Sheik following a headbutt ... Moondog Spot beat Terry Funk via countout in 17 seconds ... Tito Santana pinned Don Muraco ... Paul Orndorff beat Bob Orton by disqualification when Orton used the cast that was on his arm ... **SECOND ROUND BOUTS:** Kid pinned Adonis ... Savage pinned Steamboat after using brass knuckles ... Junkyard Dog defeated Spot in 45 seconds ... Santana and Orndorff battled to a double 2Dcountout ... **SEMI-FINAL:** Savage pinned Kid ... **FINAL:** Junkyard Dog beat Savage by countout to win the tournament. **ADDED TITLE BOUT:** Hulk Hogan retained the World title when he defeated Roddy Piper by disqualification when Orton interfered.

WRESTLEMANIA II

(April 7, 1986)

FROM NASSAU COLISEUM, UNIONDALE, NEW YORK: Paul Orndorff and Don Muraco battled to a double-countout in 4:10 ... Randy Savage pinned George Steele in 5:10 ... Jake Roberts pinned George Wellis in 3:15 following a DDT ... Mr. T beat Roddy Piper by disqualification at 1:15 of round four in their boxing match ... **FROM ROSEMONT HORIZON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:** Fabulous Moolah defeated Velvet McIntyre in 1:25 to retain the World women's title ... Cpl. Kirschner pinned Nikolai Volkoff in 2:05 after using Fred Blassie's cane ... Andre The Giant won a 20-man invitational battle royal by last eliminating Bret Hart at about the 12th 2Dminute mark; the bout also included Jim Neidhart, John Studd, Hillbilly Jim, Bruce Sammartino, Tonga Kid, Jim Brunzell, Pedro Morales, Tony Atlas, Ted Arcidi, Dan Spivey, Brian Blair, The Iron Sheik, and football players William Perry, Bill Fralic, Russ Francis, Jim

Covert, Harvey Martin, and Ernie Holmes ... The British Bulldogs captured the World tag team title from Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake in 13:03 when Davey Boy Smith pinned Valentine ... **FROM THE SPORTS ARENA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:** Rick Steamboat pinned Hercules Hernandez following a flying bodypress ... Adrian Adonis pinned Uncle Elmer after an elbowdrop ... Dory Funk Jr. & Terry Funk defeated Junkyard Dog & Tito Santana in 13:00 when Terry pinned Junkyard Dog after hitting him with Jimmy Hart's megaphone ... Hulk Hogan retained his World title by defeating King Kong Bundy in a cage match.

WRESTLEMANIA III

(March 29, 1987)

Rick Martel & Tom Zenk defeated Bob Orton & Don Muraco in 5:37 when Martel pinned Muraco following a cross-bodyblock ... Billy Jack Haynes and Hercules Hernandez battled to a double-countout in 7:44 ... Hillbilly Jim, Haiti Kid, & Little Beaver defeated King Kong Bundy, Lord Littlebrook, & Little Tokyo by disqualification in 3:25 ... Harley Race pinned Junkyard Dog in 4:22 following a belly-to-belly suplex ... Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake defeated Jacques & Raymond Rougeau in 4:03 when Valentine pinned Raymond (with help from Dino Bravo) ... Roddy Piper, in his retirement match, defeated Adrian Adonis in 6:20; after the match, Brutus Beefcake cut off Adonis' hair ... Bret Hart, Jim Neidhart, & Danny Davis beat Dynamite Kid, Davey Boy Smith, & Tito Santana when Davis pinned Smith at the 8:52 mark ... Butch Reed pinned Koko B. Ware in 3:30 ... Rick Steamboat captured the Intercontinental title by defeating Randy Savage in 14:35 ... The Honky Tonk Man pinned Jake Roberts in 7:04 ... The Iron Sheik & Nikolai Volkoff defeated Brian Blair & Jim Brunzell by disqualification in 5:44 ... Hulk Hogan retained his World title by pinning Andre The Giant at the 12:01 mark.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 26, 1987)

Hacksaw Duggan, Randy Savage, Rick Steamboat, Brutus Beefcake, & Jake Roberts defeated Harley Race, Hercules Hernandez, The Honky Tonk Man, Danny Davis, & Ron Bass at 24:00 ... Velvet McIntyre, The Jumping Bomb Angels, Rockin' Robin, & Fabulous Moolah beat Lelani Kai, Judy Martin, Dawn Marie, Donna Christanello, & Sherri Martel at 20:00 ... The Killer Bees, Jim Powers, Paul Roma, Strike Force, The

British Bulldogs, & Jacques & Raymond Rougeau defeated Greg Valentine, Dino Bravo, Demolition, The Hart Foundation, The Islanders, & The Bolsheviks at 37:00 ... Andre the Giant, One Man Gang, King Kong Bundy, Butch Reed, & Rick Rude beat Hulk Hogan, Bam Bam Bigelow, Paul Orndorff, Don Muraco, & Ken Patera at 22:00.

WRESTLEMANIA IV

(March 27, 1988)

WORLD TITLE TOURNAMENT, ROUND ONE: Ted DiBiase pinned Hacksaw Duggan in 4:54 following a fistdrop ... Don Muraco beat Dino Bravo by disqualification in 4:53 ... Greg Valentine pinned Rick Steamboat in 9:12 ... Randy Savage pinned Butch Reed following a top-rope elbowdrop in 5:07 ... One Man Gang beat Bam Bam Bigelow via countout in 2:56 ... Rick Rude and Jake Roberts battled to a 15-minute draw ... **ROUND TWO:** Andre The Giant and Hulk Hogan battled to a double-disqualification in 5:22 ... DiBiase pinned Muraco in 5:44 ... Savage pinned Valentine in 6:06 ... **SEMI-FINALS:** Savage beat Gang by disqualification in 4:05 ... **FINAL:** Savage pinned DiBiase in 9:27 to capture the World title ... **NON-TOURNAMENT BOUTS:** Bad News Brown won a 20-man battle royal by last eliminating Bret Hart at 10:40; the other participants were: Sika Jim Neidhart, Brian Blair, Raymond Rougeau, Jim Brunzell, Ron Bass, Hillbilly Jim, Danny Davis, Jimmy Powers, Nikolai Volkoff, Boris Zuhov, Ken Patera, Jacques Rougeau, Harley Race, Paul Roma, & Junkyard Dog ... The Ultimate Warrior pinned Hercules Hernandez in 4:29 ... Brutus Beefcake defeated Intercontinental champion The Honky Tonk Man by disqualification in 6:30 ... The Islanders & Bobby Heenan defeated The British Bulldogs & Koko B. Ware when Heenan pinned Ware at the 7:30 mark ... Demolition captured the World tag team title from Rick Martel & Tito Santana when Ax pinned Martel at 12:53.

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(August 29, 1988)

The British Bulldogs and Jacques & Raymond Rougeau battled to a draw after 20:04 ... Bad News Brown pinned Ken Patera at 6:33 ... Rick Rude defeated Junkyard Dog by disqualification at 6:18 ... The Powers Of Pain (managed by Baron Von Raschke) beat The Bolsheviks when Barbarian pinned Boris Zuhov at 5:17 ... The Ultimate Warrior pinned Intercontinental champion The Honky Tonk Man in 28 seconds to win the title ... Dino Bravo pinned Don Muraco at 5:28 ... World tag team champions Demolition defeated The Hart Foundation when Smash pinned Bret Hart at 9:48 ... Big Bossman pinned Koko B. Ware at 5:57 ... Jake Roberts pinned Hercules Hernandez at 10:06 following a DDT ... Hulk Hogan & Randy Savage beat Ted DiBiase & Andre The Giant when Savage pinned DiBiase at 13:57.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 24, 1988)

Brutus Beefcake, The Blue Blazer (Owen Hart), Sam Houston, The Ultimate Warrior, & Jim Brunzell defeated The Honky Tonk Man, Bad News Brown, Greg Valentine, Ron Bass, & Danny Davis at 17:50 ... The Powers Of Pain, The Rockers, The Young Stallions, The Hart Foundation, & The British Bulldogs beat Demolition,

Jacques & Raymond Rougeau, Los Conquistadores, The Bolsheviks, & The Brainbusters at 42:12 ... Andre The Giant, Dino Bravo, Rick Rude, Harley Race, & Curt Hennig defeated Hacksaw Duggan, Jake Roberts, Scott Casey, Ken Patera, & Tito Santana at 30:03 ... Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Koko B. Ware, Hillbilly Jim, & Hercules Hernandez beat Haku, Ted DiBiase, Akeem, Terry Taylor, & Big Bossman at 29:10.

THE ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 15, 1989)

The Hart Foundation & Hacksaw Duggan defeated Dino Bravo & Jacques & Raymond Rougeau in a best-of-three-falls match. Jacques pinned Bret Hart at 4:22 in the first fall. Duggan pinned Raymond at 7:26 in the second, and Hart pinned Bravo at 3:56 in the deciding fall ... World women's champion Rockin' Robin pinned Judy Martin at 6:24 ... King's Crown champion Haku pinned Harley Race at 9:01 after a thrust kick ... Big John Studd won the Royal Rumble at 64:53, last eliminating Ted DiBiase.

WRESTLEMANIA V

(April 2, 1989)

Hercules defeated King Haku in 6:37 ... The Twin Towers beat The Rockers when Akeem splashed and pinned Shawn Michaels at the 8:02 mark ... Ted DiBiase and Brutus Beefcake battled to a double-countout in 10:01 ... The Bushwhackers defeated Jacques & Raymond Rougeau in 5:10 when Luke Williams pinned Raymond following a double-stomachbreaker ... Curt Hennig pinned The Blue Blazer in 5:38 ... Demolition retained their World tag team title with a victory over Warlord, Barbarian, & Mr. Fuji when Ax pinned Fuji in 8:26 following an elbow from the top rope ... Ron Garvin beat Dino Bravo in 3:48 ... Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson defeated Rick Martel & Tito Santana in 9:17 when Anderson pinned Santana ... Jake Roberts beat Andre The Giant by disqualification in 9:44 ... The Hart Foundation beat Greg Valentine & The Honky Tonk Man in 7:40 when Bret Hart pinned Honky Tonk Man ... Rick Rude used some help from Bobby Heenan to pin The Ultimate Warrior in 9:36 and capture the Intercontinental title ... Bad News Brown and Hacksaw Duggan battled to a double-disqualification in 3:49 ... Terry Taylor pinned Bobby Heenan in 32 seconds ... Hulk Hogan pinned Randy Savage in 17:54 to capture the World title.

SUMMERSLAM

(August 28, 1989)

Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson defeated The Hart Foundation when Blanchard pinned Bret Hart at 16:23 ... Dusty Rhodes pinned The Honky Tonk Man at 9:36 ... Curt Hennig pinned Terry Taylor at 3:21 ... Jacques & Raymond Rougeau & Rick Martel defeated The Rockers & Tito Santana at 14:58 ... The Ultimate Warrior pinned Intercontinental champion Rick Rude at 16:02 to regain the title ... Demolition & Hacksaw Duggan defeated Andre The Giant, Akeem, & Big Bossman at 7:23 ... Hercules Hernandez defeated Greg Valentine by disqualification at 3:08 ... Ted DiBiase defeated Jimmy Snuka by countout at 6:27 ... Hulk Hogan & Brutus Beefcake beat Randy Savage & Zeus when Hogan pinned Zeus at 15:04.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 23, 1989)

The Dream Team (Dusty Rhodes, Terry Taylor, Brutus Beefcake, & Tito Santana) defeated The Enforcers (Big Bossman, Bad News Brown, Rick Martel, & The Honky Tonk Man) at 22:02 ... The King's Court (Randy Savage, Dino Bravo, The Canadian Earthquake, & Greg Valentine) beat The 4 x 4s (Hacksaw Duggan, Ronnie Garvin, Hercules Hernandez, & Bret Hart) at 23:25 ... The Hulkamaniacs (Hulk Hogan, Demolition, & Jake Roberts) defeated The Million-Dollar Team (Ted DiBiase, Zeus, & The Powers Of Pain) at 27:32 ... The Rude Brood (Rick Rude, Curt Hennig, & Jacques & Raymond Rougeau) beat Roddy's Rowdies (Roddy Piper, The Bushwhackers, & Jimmy Snuka) at 21:27 ... The Ultimate Warriors (The Ultimate Warrior, The Rockers, & Jim Neidhart) defeated The Heenan Family (Andre The Giant, Bobby Heenan, Haku, & Arn Anderson) at 20:28.

THE ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 21, 1990)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Paul Roma pinned Steve Lombardi in 6:13 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Bushwhackers defeated Jacques & Raymond Rougeau in 13:35 when Butch Miller pinned Jacques ... Lanny Poffo bottled Brutus Beefcake to a double-disqualification in 11:07 ... Ron Garvin defeated Greg Valentine by submission in 16:55 ... Hacksaw Duggan beat Big Bossman by disqualification in 10:26 when Bossman used his nightstick ... Hulk Hogan won the 30-man Royal Rumble in 58:46, last eliminating Curt Hennig.

WRESTLEMANIA VI

(April 1, 1990)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Paul Roma pinned Steve Lombardi ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Demolition regained the World tag team title from Andre The Giant & Haku when Ax pinned Haku at 9:15 ... Rick Martel downed Koko B. Ware in 5:31 by submission ... Earthquake pinned Hercules in 4:52 ... Brutus Beefcake pinned Curt Hennig in 7:48 when Hennig was knocked out by Lanny Poffo's clipboard ... Roddy Piper and Bad News Brown were both counted out of the ring at the 6:48 mark ... The Hart Foundation defeated The Bolsheviks in 19 seconds when Bret Hart pinned Boris Zulkhov following a clothesline ... The Barbarian pinned Tito Santana in 4:33 following a clothesline from the top rope ... In the WWF's first-ever mixed tag team match, Dusty Rhodes & Sapphire defeated Randy Savage & Sensational Sherri in 7:52 when Sapphire pinned Sherri ... The Orient Express beat The Rockers by countout ... Hacksaw Duggan pinned Dino Bravo in 4:15 ... Ted DiBiase regained his "million-dollar belt" when Jake Roberts was counted out at 11:56 ... Big Bossman pinned Akeem in 1:49 ... Rick Rude pinned Jimmy Snuka in 3:51 ... The Ultimate Warrior pinned Hulk Hogan in 22:51 to capture the World title.

SUMMERSLAM

(August 27, 1990)

Hercules & Paul Roma defeated The Rockers in 6:00 ... Sensational Sherri defeated Sapphire by forfeit when Sapphire failed to show up for the match ... The Warlord beat Tito Santana in 5:28 following a powerslam ... Jake Roberts beat Bad News Brown by disqualification in

4:44 when Big Bossman hit Roberts with a chair ... Nikolai Volkoff & Hacksaw Duggan defeated The Orient Express in 3:22 ... Randy Savage beat Dusty Rhodes in 2:15 ... Kerry Von Erich pinned Intercontinental champion Curt Hennig in 5:15 to win the title ... In a best-of-20three-falls match, The Hart Foundation defeated Demolition to win the title. Crush pinned Bret Hart at 6:09 to win the first fall. The Hart Foundation won the second fall by disqualification at 9:56, and Hart pinned Crush in the third fall at 14:14 after Demolition Ax and The Legion of Doom interfered ... In a steel cage match, The Ultimate Warrior beat Rick Rude in 10:05 ... World champion Hulk Hogan beat Earthquake by countout in 13:16.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 22, 1990)

The Perfect Team (Curt Hennig & Demolition) vs. The Warriors (Ultimate Warrior, Kerry Von Erich, & The Legion of Doom): Warrior pinned Ax at 3:23 ... Smash, Crush, & The Legion of Doom were all disqualified at 7:36 for brawling in the ring ... Hennig pinned Von Erich at 11:02 ... Warrior pinned Hennig at 14:20. The Dream Team (Dusty Rhodes, Koko B. Ware, Jim Neidhart, & Bret Hart) vs. The Million-Dollar Team (Ted DiBiase, The Undertaker, The Honky Tonk Man, & Greg Valentine): Undertaker pinned Ware at 1:39 following a piledriver ... Neidhart pinned Honky Tonk Man at 4:16 following a powerslam ... DiBiase pinned Neidhart at 5:49 after Virgil interfered ... Undertaker pinned Rhodes at 8:26 following a flying axhandle from the top rope ... Undertaker was counted out at 9:17 while he was attacking Rhodes ... Hart pinned Valentine at 9:57 with a small package ... DiBiase pinned Hart at 13:54 with a small package. The Vipers (Jake Roberts, Jimmy Snuka, Shawn Michaels, & Marty Jannetty) vs. The Visionaries (Rick Martel, The Warlord, Hercules, & Paul Roma): Warlord pinned Jannetty at 5:03 following a powerslam ... Martel pinned Snuka at 9:28 after reversing a flying bodypress ... Roma pinned Michaels at 15:40 following a flying bodypress ... Roberts was counted out at 17:42. The Hulkamaniacs (Hulk Hogan, Tugboat, Hacksaw Duggan, & Big Bossman) vs. The Natural Disasters (Earthquake, Dino Bravo, Haku, & The Barbarian): Bossman pinned Haku at 3:15 following a side-slam ... Duggan was disqualified at 6:12 for using his 2 x 4 on Earthquake ... Hogan pinned Bravo at 7:59 with a small package ... Earthquake pinned Bossman at 9:08 following an elbowsmash ... Earthquake and Tugboat were both counted out at 11:33 ... Hogan pinned Barbarian at 14:49 following a leg-drop. The Alliance (Nikolai Volkoff, Tito Santana, & The Bushwhackers) vs. The Mercenaries (Sgt. Slaughter, Boris Zulkhov, Aldo Sato, & Pat Tanaka): Santana pinned Zulkhov at 0:48 following a flying forearm ... Luke Williams pinned Sato at 1:46 ... Santana pinned Tanaka at 2:13 following a flying forearm ... Slaughter pinned Volkoff at 5:25 after an elbowsmash ... Slaughter pinned Williams at 6:30 following a stomachbreaker ... Slaughter pinned Miller at 6:30 following a clothesline ... Slaughter was disqualified at 10:52 when Gen. Adnan hit Santana with a flagpole ... Hulk Hogan, Tito Santana, & The Ultimate Warrior vs. Rick Martel, Paul Roma, Hercules, The Warlord, & Ted DiBiase: Santana pinned Warlord at 0:28 following a flying forearm ... DiBiase pinned Santana at 1:51 following a slingshot off the top rope ... Hogan pinned Roma at 5:57 following a clothesline ... Martel was counted out at 7:17 when he retreat-

ed to the locker room following a Hogan clothesline ... Hogan pinned DiBiase at 8:36 following a boot to the face and a legdrop ... Warrior pinned Hercules at 9:07 after a flying tackle and splash.

THE ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 19, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Jerry Sags pinned Sam Houston in 5:25 after a powerslam ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Rockers defeated The Orient Express in 19:15 when Marty Jannetty pinned Pat Tanaka following a sunset flip ... Big Bossman beat The Barbarian in 14:15 with an inside cradle ... The Mountie pinned Koko B. Ware in 9:12 following a side-slam ... Ted DiBiase & Virgil defeated Dusty & Dustin Rhodes in 9:57 when DiBiase pinned Dusty ... Hulk Hogan won the 29-man Royal Rumble in 65:17, last eliminating Earthquake with a clothesline ... Sgt. Slaughter pinned World champion The Ultimate Warrior in 12:47 to win the title.

WRESTLEMANIA VII

(March 24, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Koko B. Ware pinned Steve Lombardi ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Rockers defeated The Barbarian & Haku in 10:41 when Shawn Michaels pinned Haku ... Kerry Von Erich pinned Dino Bravo in 3:11 ... Davey Boy Smith pinned The Warlord at the 8:15 mark ... The Nasty Boys captured the World tag team title by defeating The Hart Foundation in 12:10 when Brian Knobs pinned Rick Martel in 8:34 of a blind-fold match following a DDT ... The Undertaker pinned Jimmy Snuka in 4:20 following a tombstone piledriver ... The Ultimate Warrior pinned Randy Savage in 20:48 of a retirement match following three shouldertackles ... Koji Kitao & Genichiro Tenryu defeated Demolition when Tenryu pinned Smash in 4:44 following a power bomb ... Big Bossman defeated Intercontinental champion Curt Hennig by disqualification in 10:47 when Haku and The Barbarian interfered ... Earthquake pinned Greg Valentine in 3:14 ... The Legion of Doom defeated Power & Glory in 59 seconds when Animal pinned Paul Roma ... Virgil defeated Ted DiBiase by countout in 7:41 ... Jacques Rougeau pinned Tito Santana in 1:21 ... Hulk Hogan pinned Sgt. Slaughter in 20:26 to capture his third World title.

SUMMERSLAM

(August 26, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Koko B. Ware pinned Kato in 6:03 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Natural Disasters beat The Bushwhackers in 6:27 when Earthquake pinned Luke Williams following an "earthquake" splash ... Virgil pinned Ted DiBiase in 13:11 to gain possession of DiBiase's "million-dollar belt" ... Big Bossman pinned The Mountie in 9:38 after a power bomb. As a result of a prematch stipulation, Mountie had to spend a night in a New York City jail ... Irwin R. Schyster pinned Greg Valentine in 7:07 with an inside cradle ... Rick Steamboat, Davey Boy Smith, & Kerry Von Erich defeated The Warlord & Power & Glory in 10:43 when Steamboat pinned Paul Roma after a flying bodypress ... The Legion of Doom defeated World tag team champions The Nasty Boys in 7:45 to win the title when Animal pinned Jerry Sags ... Bret Hart defeated In-

tercontinental champion Curt Hennig by submission in 18:04 to win the title ... Hulk Hogan & The Ultimate Warrior beat Sgt. Slaughter, Cal. Mustafa, & Gen. Adnan in 12:40 when Hogan pinned Slaughter following a leg-drop.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 27, 1991)

Ric Flair, The Mountie, Ted DiBiase, & The Warlord vs. Roddy Piper, Bret Hart, Virgil, & Davey Boy Smith: Flair pinned Smith at 10:55 after smashing him in the head from behind ... Piper pinned Warlord at 17:00 ... DiBiase, Mountie, Piper, Virgil, and Hart were all disqualified at 22:48 for brawling in the ring. Flair, who was tossed over the top rope moments earlier, and his team were declared the winners ... Cal. Mustafa, The Berzerker, Skinner, & Hercules vs. Hacksaw Duggan, Sgt. Slaughter, Kerry Von Erich, & Tito Santana: Slaughter pinned Mustafa at 7:57 following a clothesline ... Santana pinned Hercules at 12:05 following a flying fist to the back of the head ... Slaughter pinned Skinner at 13:31 ... Duggan pinned Berzerker at 14:19 ... The Rockers & The Bushwhackers vs. The Nasty Boys & The Beverly Brothers: Brian Knobs pinned Luke Williams in 5:21 following a forearm smash ... Beau Beverly pinned Butch Miller at 10:13 following a "Beverly bomb" ... Shawn Michaels pinned Beau Beverly at 10:13 following a backslide ... Knobs pinned Michaels at 19:41 with a rollout ... Jerry Sags pinned Marty Jannetty at 23:06 with a small package ... The Natural Disasters & Irwin R. Schyster vs. The Legion of Doom & Big Bossman: Schyster pinned Bossman at 6:23 after hitting him with his briefcase ... Hawk pinned Typhoon at 9:37 after Schyster accidentally hit Typhoon in the face with his briefcase. Earthquake escorted Typhoon back to the dressing room and refused to participate in the rest of the match ... Animal pinned Schyster at 15:21 following a flying clothesline from the top rope ... **IN A MATCH FOR THE WWF WORLD TITLE:** The Undertaker pinned World champion Hulk Hogan at 12:45 to win the championship after Ric Flair interfered.

TUESDAY IN TEXAS

(December 3, 1991)

Intercontinental champion Bret Hart defeated Skinner by submission in 13:28 ... Randy Savage pinned Jake Roberts in 6:27 after a flying elbowsmash ... Davey Boy Smith pinned Warlord in 12:49 with a crucifix ... Ted DiBiase & Repo Man defeated Virgil & Tito Santana in 11:30 when DiBiase pinned Virgil ... Hulk Hogan pinned World champion The Undertaker in 13:12 to win the title.

THE ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 19, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Chris Walker defeated Steve Lombardi by reverse decision ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The New Foundation defeated The Orient Express in 17:18 when Owen Hart pinned Pat Tanaka following a "rocket launcher" ... Roddy Piper defeated Intercontinental champion The Mountie in 5:22 with a sleeperhold to win the title ... The Beverly Brothers beat The Bushwhackers in 14:56 when Blake Beverly pinned Butch Miller after Beau Beverly hit Miller with an axhandle ... The Natural Disasters beat World tag team champions The Legion of Doom by countout in 9:24 ... Ric Flair won the 30-man Royal Rumble in 62:02, eliminating Sid Justice to win the World title.

WRESTLEMANIA VIII

(April 5, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: The Bushwhackers beat The Beverly Brothers ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Shawn Michaels pinned Tito Santana in 10:39 when he reversed a bodyslam attempt into a cover ... Tatanka pinned Rick Martel in 4:32 after a flying cross-bodyblock ... The Natural Disasters beat World tag team champions Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster by countout in 8:39 when DiBiase & Schyster walked out of the ring ... Virgil, Big Bossman, Hacksaw Duggan, & Sgt. Slaughter defeated Repo Man, The Mountie, & The Nasty Boys in 5:22 when Virgil pinned Brian Knobs ... Randy Savage pinned World champion Ric Flair in 18:05 to win the title ... The Undertaker pinned Jake Roberts in 6:41 following a tombstone piledriver on the arena floor ... Bret Hart pinned Intercontinental champion Roddy Piper in 13:56 to win the title ... Owen Hart pinned Skinner in 1:11 following a sunset flip ... Hulk Hogan defeated Sid Justice by disqualification in 12:44 when manager Harvey Wippleman interfered.

SUMMERSLAM

(August 29, 1992)

Hacksaw Duggan & The Bushwhackers beat The Nasty Boys & The Mountie in 12:33 when Duggan pinned Mountie ... Papa Shango pinned Tito Santana in 6:00 following a reverse shoulderbreaker ... The Legion Of Doom beat Money Inc. in 15:10 when Animal pinned Ted DiBiase following a powerslam ... Nailz defeated Virgil in 3:55 with a sleeperhold ... Shawn Michaels battled Rick Martel to a double-countout in 8:06 ... World tag team champions The Natural Disasters defeated The Beverly Brothers in 10:30 when Earthquake used a belly-to-belly suplex and pinned Beau Beverly ... Crush defeated Repo Man in 5:41 after a head crush ... The Ultimate Warrior defeated World champion Randy Savage by countout in 28:00 ... The Undertaker defeated Kamala by disqualification in 3:27 when Kim Chee interfered ... Tatanka pinned Berzerker in 5:46 after a back suplex ... Davey Boy Smith pinned Intercontinental champion Bret Hart in 25:40 to win the title.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 25, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Crush defeated Steve Lombardi by submission ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Headshrinkers defeated High Energy in 7:38 when Fatu pinned Owen Hart after a splash off the top rope ... In a nightstick match, Big Bossman defeated Nailz ... Tatanka pinned Rick Martel in 11:04 ... Randy Savage & Curt Hennig defeated Ric Flair & Razor Ramon by disqualification in 16:29 ... Yokozuna pinned Virgil in 3:34 ... The Nasty Boys & The Natural Disasters defeated Money Inc. & The Beverly Brothers in 15:50 when Jerry Sags pinned Irwin R. Schyster ... The Undertaker pinned Kamala in 5:27 after hitting him with his urn. Afterward, Undertaker put Kamala in a coffin ... World champion Bret Hart defeated Shawn Michaels by submission in 26:40.

THE ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 24, 1993)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Doink defeated Jim Powers in 5:57 ... **IN PAY-PER-**

VIEW BOUTS: Rick & Scott Steiner defeated The Beverly Brothers when Scott pinned Blake following a "Frankensteiner" ... Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels pinned Marty Jannetty after Sensational Sherri accidentally hit Jannetty with her shoe ... Bam Bam Bigelow pinned Big Bossman after a flying headbutt from the top rope ... World champion Bret Hart defeated Razor Ramon by submission to the "sharpshooter" ... Yokozuna won the 30-man Royal Rumble, last eliminating Randy Savage.

WRESTLEMANIA IX

(April 4, 1993)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Tito Santana pinned Papa Shango ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Tatanka defeated Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels by disqualification ... Rick & Scott Steiner defeated The Headshrinkers when Scott pinned Samu after a "Frankensteiner" ... Doink pinned Crush as a Doink clone assisted him while the referee was unconscious ... Razor Ramon pinned Bob Backlund ... World tag team champions Money Inc. defeated Brutus Beefcake & Hulk Hogan by disqualification ... Lex Luger pinned Curt Hennig while Hennig's feet were on the ropes ... The Undertaker defeated Giant Gonzales by disqualification ... Yokozuna pinned World champion Bret Hart to capture the title after Mr. Fuji threw salt in Hart's eyes. After the match, Fuji and Yokozuna issued a challenge to Hulk Hogan, who accepted, pinned Yokozuna, and was awarded the belt.

KING OF THE RING

(June 13, 1993)

FIRST ROUND: Bret Hart pinned Razor Ramon at 10:25 ... Curt Hennig defeated Mr. Hughes by disqualification when Harvey Wippleman handed Hughes The Undertaker's urn and Hughes pounded Hennig with it ... Bam Bam Bigelow pinned Hacksaw Duggan at 4:59 ... Lex Luger and Tatanka battled to a 15-minute time-limit draw; both were eliminated, thus placing Bigelow in the finals ... **SEMIFINALS:** Hart beat Hennig after reversing a small package at 18:56 ... **FINAL:** Hart pinned Bigelow ... **NON-2DTOURNAMENT MATCHES:** Papa Shango pinned Owen Hart ... The Smokin' Gunns & Rick & Scott Steiner defeated The Headshrinkers & Money Inc. when Billy Gunn pinned Ted DiBiase ... Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels beat Crush, as Crush was confronted by the two Doinks distracting him at ringside, allowing Michaels to attack him from behind and make the pin ... Yokozuna pinned World champion Hulk Hogan at 13:08 to win the belt. A photographer stood on the ring apron and emitted a fireball from his flash unit, allowing Yokozuna to legdrop and pin the "Hulkster."

SUMMERSLAM

(August 30, 1993)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Owen Hart defeated Barry Horowitz ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Razor Ramon pinned Ted DiBiase ... World tag team champions Rick & Scott Steiner defeated The Heavenly Bodies ... Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels beat Curt Hennig by countout ... Irwin R. Schyster pinned The Kid ... Jerry Lawler defeated Bret Hart by reverse decision when Hart was ruled to have used excessive force with his "sharpshooter" ... Ludwig Borge defeated Marty Jannetty ... In a "rest in peace" match,

The Undertaker pinned Giant Gonzales ... In a six-man tag team match, Tatanka & The Smokin' Gunns defeated The Headshrinkers & Bam Bam Bigelow ... Lex Luger defeated World champion Yokozuna by countout.

THE SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 24, 1993)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Billy Gunn pinned "Brooklyn Brawler" Steve Lombardi at 7:46 after a sunset flip off the top rope ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Kid, Marty Jannetty, Razor Ramon, & Randy Savage (replacing Curt Hennig) defeated Irwin R. Schyster, Diesel, Rick Martel, & Adam Bomb at 26:58 ... Bret, Owen, Keith, & Bruce Hart beat Shawn Michaels (replacing Jerry Lawler), The Black Knight, The Red Knight, & The Blue Knight at 30:57 ... The Heavenly Bodies defeated Smoky Mountain tag team champions The Rock 'n' Roll Express to win the belts when Tom Prichard pinned Robert Gibson at 13:41 ... The Four Doinks (Bushwhacker Luke, Bushwhacker Butch, & Men On A Mission) beat Bam Bam Bigelow, Bastion Booger, & The Headshrinkers at 10:58 ... Lex Luger, Rick & Scott Steiner, & The Undertaker defeated Quebecer Jacques, Yokozuna, Ludwig Borge, & Crush at 27:59.

THE ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 22, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Steve Lombardi defeated Jim Powers ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Tatanka pinned Bam Bam Bigelow (assisted by Luna Vachon) after a flying bodyslam at 8:12 ... World tag team champions The Quebecers beat Bret & Owen Hart when referee Tim White stopped the match at 16:48 due to Bret's injured left leg ... Intercontinental champion Razor Ramon defeated Irwin R. Schyster. Referee Joey Marella initially ruled Schyster the winner after he and both wrestlers had been knocked out, but was corrected by referee Dave Hebner. Ramon went on to pin Schyster at 11:30 after a "Razor's Edge" ... In a casket match, World champion Yokozuna (assisted by Jim Cornette & Mr. Fuji) beat The Undertaker (managed by Paul Bearer) at 14:20 ... Bret Hart and Lex Luger were declared co-winners of the Royal Rumble after both went over the ropes simultaneously at 55:08.

WRESTLEMANIA X

(March 20, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: The Heavenly Bodies defeated The Bushwhackers ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Owen Hart pinned Bret Hart at 20:21 ... Bam Bam Bigelow & Luna Vachon beat Doink & Dink when Bigelow pinned Doink at 6:09 ... In a falls-count-anywhere match, Randy Savage defeated Crush, two falls to one, at 9:42 when Savage tied up Crush in a room under the Garden tunnel and Crush couldn't return to the ring in 60 seconds ... World women's champion Alundra Blayze pinned Lelani Kai at 3:24 ... Men On A Mission defeated World tag team champions The Quebecers by countout at 7:43 ... World champion Yokozuna defeated Lex Luger by disqualification at 14:40 when Luger hit guest referee Curt Hennig ... Earthquake pinned Adam Bomb in 32 seconds ... In a ladder match, Intercontinental champion Razor Ramon beat Shawn Michaels at 18:45 ... Bret Hart pinned World champion Yokozuna at 10:31 to win the title Roddy Piper was guest referee).

KING OF THE RING

(June 19, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Sparky Plugg pinned Kwang ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Razor Ramon pinned Bam Bam Bigelow in 8:24 ... Irwin R. Schyster pinned Mabel at the 5:38 mark ... Owen Hart pinned Tatanka in 8:18 ... The 1-2-3 Kid defeated Jeff Jarrett by pinfall in 4:39 ... Intercontinental champion Diesel defeated World champion Bret Hart by disqualification in 22:51 ... Ramon pinned Schyster in 5:13 ... Owen forced Kid to submit to the sharpshooter at the 3:37 mark ... World tag team champions The Headshrinkers defeated Yokozuna & Crush in 9:31 when Fatu pinned Crush ... Owen Hart pinned Ramon to become King Of The Ring ... Roddy Piper pinned Jerry Lawler in 12:30.

SUMMERSLAM

(August 29, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Adam Bomb defeated Kwang ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Bam Bam Bigelow & Irwin R. Schyster defeated The Headshrinkers by disqualification in 6:45 ... World women's champion Alundra Blayze pinned Bull Nakano in 8:18 ... Razor Ramon pinned Intercontinental champion Diesel in 15:02 to win the title ... Tatanka pinned Lex Luger in 6:03 ... Jeff Jarrett pinned Mabel in 5:55 ... World champion Bret Hart defeated Owen Hart in a steel cage match in 33:21 ... The Undertaker (managed by Paul Bearer) pinned Evil Undertaker (managed by Ted DiBiase) in 9:12.

SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 23, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly defeated Kwang ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Razor Ramon, Fatu, The Kid, Davey Boy Smith, & Sionne defeated Jeff Jarrett, Diesel, Jim Neidhart, Owen Hart, & Shawn Michaels. Order of elimination: Diesel pinned Fatu at 13:36; Diesel pinned The Kid at 14:05; Diesel pinned Sionne at 14:39; Davey Boy Smith was counted out at 15:02; At 21:38, with Razor Ramon the only man left on his team, the opposing team was counted out when the other three members of the team tried to stop Diesel from attacking Michaels in the dressing room ... Jerry Lawler, Sleazy, Queasy, & Cheesy beat Doink, Dink, Pink, & Wink. Order of elimination: Lawler held Doink's trunks and pinned him at 10:33; Queasy pinned Wink with Lawler's assistance; Cheesy pinned Pink with help from Lawler; Queasy pinned Dink at 16:26 ... Bob Backlund beat World champion Bret Hart to win the title when Bret's mother, Helen, threw in the towel for her son at 35:14 ... King Kong Bundy, Tatanka, Bam Bam Bigelow, & The Heavenly Bodies beat Mabel, Lex Luger, Adam Bomb, & The Smokin' Gunns. Order of elimination: Mabel pinned Tom Prichard at 3:38; Mabel was counted out at 6:24; Bigelow pinned Bomb at 8:49; Luger pinned Jim Del Ray at 10:36; Tatanka pinned Bart Gunn at 14:06; Bundy pinned Billy Gunn at 16:53; Luger pinned Tatanka at 22:53; Bundy pinned Luger at 23:02 ... The Undertaker beat Yokozuna in a casket match.

ROYAL RUMBLE

(January 22, 1995)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Buck Quartermaine beat Steve Lombardi ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Jeff Jarrett pinned Intercontinental champion Razor Ramon to win the belt in 20:52 (Jarrett had won by countout at 11:47, but the match was restarted at 14:34 when Ramon agreed to continue the bout) ... The Undertaker pinned Irwin R. Schyster in 12:20 ... World champion Diesel and Bret Hart wrestled to a draw in 28:39 ... The Kid & Bob Holly beat Bam Bam Bigelow & Tatanka in a tournament final to win the vacant World tag team title ... Shawn Michaels won the Royal Rumble, last eliminating Davey Boy Smith, at 38:40.

WRESTLEMANIA XI

(April 2, 1995)

Lex Luger & Davey Boy Smith beat Eli & Jacob Blu when Smith pinned Jacob at 6:37 ... Razor Ramon beat Intercontinental champion Jeff Jarrett by disqualification at 13:29 when The Roadie interfered ... The Undertaker beat King Kong Bundy at 6:38 ... Owen Hart & Yokozuna won the World tag team belts from The Smokin' Gunns when Hart pinned Billy Gunn at 9:41 ... Bret Hart beat Bob Backlund in an "I Quit" match when Backlund submitted to Hart's cross-face chicken wing at 9:34 ... World champion Diesel pinned Shawn Michaels at 20:40 after a "jackknife" power bomb ... Lawrence Taylor pinned Bam Bam Bigelow in 11:42.

IN YOUR HOUSE I

(May 14, 1995)

Bret Hart pinned Hakushi (managed by Shinja) in 14:22 ... Razor Ramon beat Jeff Jarrett & The Roadie in a handicap match when he pinned Jarrett in 12:38 ... Mabel pinned Adam Bomb in 1:51 in a King of the Ring qualifying match ... World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna defeated The Smokin' Gunns in 5:47 ... Jerry Lawler pinned Bret Hart in 5:01 after Hakushi & Shinja interfered ... World champion Diesel defeated Sid Vicious by disqualification in 11:29 when Tatanka interfered.

KING OF THE RING

(June 25, 1995)

IN A KING OF THE RING QUALIFYING MATCH TO DETERMINE A REPLACEMENT FOR THE INJURED RAZOR RAMON: Savio Vega (with Razor Ramon) pinned Irwin R. Schyster (with Ted DiBiase) ... **KING OF THE RING QUARTERFINALS:** Vega defeated Yokozuna (with Jim Cornette & Mr. Fuji) by countout in 7:36 ... The Roadie (with Jeff Jarrett) pinned Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly in 7:29 ... Shawn Michaels wrestled Kama to a 15-minute time-limit draw ... Mabel pinned The Undertaker (with Paul Bearer) in 10:44 ... **KING OF THE RING SEMIFINALS:** Vega pinned The Roadie in 6:33 ... Mabel received a bye because of the earlier draw between Michaels and Kama ... **KING OF THE RING FINAL:** Mabel pinned Vega in 8:30 ... **IN NON-TOURNAMENT MATCHES:** Bret Hart beat Jerry Lawler by submission in a "kiss-my-foot" match in 9:19 ... Diesel & Bam Bam Bigelow defeated Sid Vicious & Tatanka when Diesel pinned Tatanka at 17:35.

IN YOUR HOUSE II

(July 23, 1995)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Skip pinned Aldo Montoya in 3:49 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** The Roadie pinned The Kid at 7:25 ... Men On A Mission beat Razor Ramon & Savio Vega when Mabel pinned Ramon at 10:10 ... Bam Bam Bigelow pinned Henry Godwinn at 5:33 ... Shawn Michaels pinned Intercontinental champion Jeff Jarrett (with The Roadie) at 19:59 to win the title ... World tag team champions Owen Hart & Yokozuna (with Jim Cornette & Mr. Fuji) defeated Lex Luger & Davey Boy Smith when Yokozuna pinned Luger at 10:50 ... World champion Diesel pinned Sid Vicious at 10:33 in a lumberjack match.

SUMMERSLAM

(August 27, 1995)

Hakushi pinned The Kid at 9:27 ... Hunter Hearst Helmsley beat Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly in 6:30 ... The Smokin' Gunns beat Eli & Jacob Blu in 5:57 ... Barry Horowitz pinned Skip (with Sunny) in 11:30 after Hakushi interfered ... Bertha Faye defeated World women's champion Alundra Blayze in 4:40 to win the title ... The Undertaker defeated Kama in a casket match in 16:22 ... Bret Hart beat Isaac Yankem by disqualification in 16:10 when Jerry Lawler interfered ... Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels defeated Razor Ramon in a ladder match in 25:01 ... World champion Diesel pinned Mabel in 9:53.

IN YOUR HOUSE III

(September 24, 1995)

IN MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Fatu beat Hunter Hearst Helmsley ... Goldust beat Bob Holly ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Savio Vega pinned Waylon Mercy at 7:06 ... "Psycho" Sid Vicious pinned Henry Godwinn at 7:21 ... Davey Boy Smith pinned Bam Bam Bigelow at 11:58 ... Dean Douglas pinned Razor Ramon at 14:52 ... Bret Hart defeated Jean-Pierre Lafitte by submission to the "sharpshooter" leglock at 16:36 ... World champion Diesel & Intercontinental champion Shawn Michaels

defeated World tag team champions Yokozuna & Davey Boy Smith (substituting for Owen Hart) when Diesel pinned Owen Hart, who had interfered in the match, at 15:53.

IN YOUR HOUSE IV

(October 22, 1995)

IN MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Bob Holly beat Rod Radford ... Henry Godwinn beat "Psycho" Sid Vicious ... Bret Hart beat Isaac Yankem by submission ... Owen Hart & Yokozuna beat Bam Bam Bigelow & Savio Vega when Yokozuna pinned Vega after a legdrop ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Hunter Hearst Helmsley beat Fatu in 8:06 ... World tag team champions The Smokin' Gunns defeated Razor Ramon & The Kid when Billy Gunn pinned The Kid at 12:46 ... Goldust defeated Marty Jannetty in 11:15 ... Yokozuna and Mabel wrestled to a double-countout at 5:12 ... Razor Ramon pinned Intercontinental champion Dean Douglas (who had won the title by forfeit from Shawn Michaels earlier in the evening) at 11:01 to win

the belt ... Davey Boy Smith (managed by Jim Cornette) beat World champion Diesel by disqualification at 18:14 when Bret Hart, who was doing color commentary on the pay-per-view broadcast, interfered and attacked Smith.

SURVIVOR SERIES

(November 19, 1995)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: World tag team champions The Smokin' Gunns defeated Public Enemy when Billy Gunn pinned Rocco Rock ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Skip, Tom Pritchard, Rod Radford, & The Kid (with Ted DiBiase) beat Hakushi, Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly, Marty Jannetty, & Barry Horowitz in 19:09 ... Bertha Faye, Aja Kong, Tomoko Watanabe, & Lioness Asuka defeated Alundra Blayze, Sakie Hasegawa, Kyoko Inoue, & Chapparrita Asari in 9:45 ... Goldust pinned Bam Bam Bigelow in 8:00 ... Savio Vega, Henry Godwinn, Fatu, & The Undertaker (with Paul Bearer) defeated Jerry Lawler, Hunter Hearst Helmsley, Dr. Isaac Yankem, & Mabel (with Mo) in 14:32 ... Davey Boy Smith, "Psycho" Sid Vicious, Ahmed Johnson, & Shawn Michaels beat Owen Hart, Yokozuna, Dean Douglas, & Razor Ramon in 26:08 ... Bret Hart defeated World champion Diesel to win the title in 24:42.

NWA/WCW ON PAY-PER-VIEW**BUNKHOUSE STAMPEDE**

(January 24, 1988)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Sting & Jim Garvin defeated The Sheepherders ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** TV champion Nikita Koloff and Bobby Eaton wrestled to a 20:20 minute, time-limit draw ... Larry Zbyszko defeated Western States champion Barry Windham in 19:16 to win the title ... Road Warrior Hawk defeated World champion Ric Flair by disqualification in 21:39 when the referee caught Flair using a chair ... Dusty Rhodes won the Bunkhouse Stampedes in 26:21, at last eliminating The Barbarian.

GREAT AMERICAN BASH

(July 10, 1988)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: Rick Steiner & Dick Murdoch defeated Tim Horner & Kendall Windham ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** Tag team champions Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard wrestled to a 20-minute, time-limit draw with Sting & Nikita Koloff ... The Midnight Express defeated U.S. tag team champions The Fantastics in 16:23 when Bobby Eaton pinned Bobby Fulton ... The Road Warriors, Jim Garvin, Ron Garvin, & Steve Williams defeated Russian Assassin I, Ivan Koloff, Al Perez, Mike Rotundo, & Kevin Sullivan in a "Tower Of Doom" match in 19:55 ... U.S. champion Barry Windham pinned Dusty Rhodes in 15:55 after Ron Garvin interfered ... World champion Ric Flair defeated Lex Luger by official decision of the Maryland State Athletic Commission in 23:13 when the match was stopped due a cut on Luger.

STARRCADE

(December 26, 1988)

Steve Williams & Kevin Sullivan defeated U.S. tag team champions The Fantastics in 15:50 to win the title when Williams pinned Bobby Fulton ... Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane (managed by Jim Cornette) defeated Dennis Condry & Randy Rose (managed by Paul E. Dangerously) in 17:26 when Lane pinned Rose ... The Russian Assassins defeated Ivan Koloff & Junkyard Dog in 6:47 ... Rick Steiner pinned TV champion Mike Rotundo in 17:59 to win the title ... U.S. champion Barry Windham defeated Bam Bam Bigelow by countout in 16:17 ... Dusty Rhodes & Sting defeated World tag team champions The Road Warriors by disqualification in 11:20 ... World champion Ric Flair pinned Lex Luger in 30:59.

CHI-TOWN RUMBLE

(February 20, 1989)

Michael Hayes pinned Russian Assassin I ... Sting pinned Butch Reed at 20:07 after a sunset flip ... The Midnight Express (Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane, managed by Jim Cornette) defeated The New Original Midnight Express (Jack Victory & Randy Rose, managed by Paul E. Dangerously) when Lane pinned Rose at 15:51 ... Mike Rotundo beat TV champion Rick Steiner to win the title at 16:21 ... Lex Luger defeated U.S. champion Barry Windham to win the title at 10:43 following a piledriver ... World tag team champions The Road Warriors beat Steve Williams & Kevin Sullivan when Hawk pinned Sullivan at 8:27 ... Rick Steamboat pinned World champion Ric Flair to win the title at 23:18 after a failed Flair figure-four and Steamboat cradle.

MUSIC CITY SHOWDOWN

(May 7, 1989)

The Great Muta pinned Doug Gilbert at 3:03 with a moonsault press ... Butch Reed pinned Ranger Ross at 6:59 with a shoulderblock off the top rope ... In a bull-rope match, Dick Murdoch pinned "Cowboy" Bob Orton at 4:54 ... The Dynamic Dudes defeated The Samoan Swat Team when Shane Douglas pinned Fatu at 11:02 ... Michael Hayes pinned U.S. champion Lex Luger to win the title at 16:06 after Terry Gordy pushed Hayes on top of Luger ... TV champion Sting pinned The Iron Sheik at 2:12 ... Ric Flair cradled World champion Rick Steamboat to win the title at 31:37 ... The Road Warriors beat World tag team champions Steve Williams & Mike Rotundo by disqualification at 6:06. The titles were stripped from Williams & Rotundo when Kevin Sullivan and Dan Spivey attacked special referee Nikita Koloff ... U.S. tag team champions Eddie Gilbert & Rick Steiner defeated Kevin Sullivan & Dan Spivey when Gilbert pinned Sullivan at 6:41.

THE GREAT AMERICAN BASH

(July 23, 1989)

In a two-ring "King Of The Ring" battle royal, Sid Vicious won in ring one, last eliminating Brian Pillman, while Vicious' teammate in The Skyscrapers, Dan Spivey, won in ring two, last eliminating Steve Williams. Vicious and Spivey split the \$50,000 prize ... Brian Pillman pinned Bill Irwin at 10:18 ... The Skyscrapers defeated The

Dynamic Dudes when **Dan Spivey** pinned **Johnny Ace** at 9:14 ... In a tuxedo street fight, **Jim Cornette** beat **Paul E. Dangerously** at 6:22 ... In a tomato match, **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **Mike Rotundo & Kevin Sullivan** when both Steiners pinned Sullivan at 4:42 ... TV champion **Sting** and **The Great Muta** battled to a no-decision at 8:40. The title was later held up when it was ruled both wrestlers' shoulders were up ... U.S. champion **Lex Luger** beat **Rick Steamboat** by disqualification at 10:26 after Steamboat hit Luger with a chair ... In a "war games" match, **The Road Warriors**, **The Midnight Express**, & **Steve Williams** defeated **The Samoan Swat Team** & **The Freebirds** when **Road Warrior Hawk** made **Jim Garvin** submit to a hangman hold at 22:18 ... World champion **Ric Flair** pinned **Terry Funk** at 17:23 after Flair reversed Funk's inside cradle.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 28, 1989)

Tom Zenk pinned **Mike Rotundo** at 13:23 ... **Samoan Swat Team** & **Samoan Savage** defeated **The Midnight Express** & **Steve Williams** at 18:16 ... **Tommy Rich** beat **The Cuban Assassin** at 8:26 ... **NWA World** tag team champions **The Freebirds** beat **The Dynamic Dudes** when **Jim Garvin** pinned **Shane Douglas** at 11:28 ... **Doom** (assisted by **Woman**) defeated **Rick & Scott Steiner** when **Butch Reed** used a foreign object to pin **Rick** at 15:26 ... U.S. champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Brian Pillman** at 16:48 ... **The Road Warriors** beat **The Skyscrapers** (managed by **Teddy Long**) by disqualification at 11:39 ... In a Thunderdome cage match, **Sting** & **Ric Flair** defeated **Terry Funk** & **The Great Muta** at 21:55 (**Bruno Sammartino** was the special referee).

STARRCADE

(December 13, 1989)

The card was a singles and tag team round-robin, where a wrestler or team received 20 points for a pinfall or submission victory, 15 for a countout win, 10 for a disqualification win, five for each in a draw, zero for the loser ... **IRON TEAM COMPETITION:** **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **Doom** by countout at 12:24 ... **The Road Warriors** beat **Doom** by pinfall at 8:31 ... **The Steiners** defeated **The Warriors** by pinfall at 7:27 ... **The New Wild Samoans** beat **Doom** by pinfall at 8:22 ... **The Samoans** defeated **The Steiners** by disqualification at 14:05 ... **The Warriors** beat **The Samoans** by pinfall at 5:18. **FINAL SCORE:** **The Warriors**—40, **The Steiners**—35, **The Samoans**—30, **Doom**—0 ... **IRON MAN COMPETITION:** **Lex Luger** pinned **Sting** at 11:31 ... **Ric Flair** pinned **The Great Muta** at 1:55 ... **Sting** pinned **Muta** at 8:41 ... **Flair** and **Luger** battled to a time-limit draw at 17:01 ... **Luger** defeated **Muta** by disqualification when **Muta** blew green mist into Luger's eyes at 11:08 ... **Sting** pinned **Flair** at 15:54. **FINAL SCORE:** **Sting**—40, **Luger**—35, **Flair**—25, **Muta**—0.

WRESTLE WAR

(February 25, 1990)

Kevin Sullivan & **Buzz Sawyer** defeated **The Dynamic Dudes** when **Sawyer** pinned **Johnny Ace** at 10:15 after a flying bodypress ... **Norman The Lunatic** pinned **Cactus Jack** at 9:33 ... **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** beat **The Midnight Express** when **Robert**

Gibson pinned **Stan Lane** at 19:31 ... In a Chicago street fight, **The Road Warriors** defeated **The Skyscrapers** (managed by **Teddy Long**) when **Hawk** pinned a masked substitute for **Dan Spivey** at 4:59 ... U.S. tag team champions **Tom Zenk** & **Brian Pillman** beat **Michael Hayes** & **Jim Garvin** when **Pillman** pinned **Garvin** at 24:32 ... World tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **Ole & Arn Anderson** at 16:05 when **Rick** pinned **Ole** with an inside cradle ... World champion **Ric Flair** defeated U.S. champion **Lex Luger** by countout at 38:08 after Luger left the ring to rescue the injured **Sting** from an attack by **Ole & Arn Anderson**.

CAPITAL COMBAT

(May 19, 1990)

The Road Warriors & **Norman The Lunatic** beat **Bam Bam Bigelow**, **Kevin Sullivan**, & **Cactus Jack** when **Hawk** pinned **Sullivan** at 9:38 ... "Mean" **Mark Callous** pinned **Johnny Ace** at 10:41 ... **The Samoan Swat Team** defeated **Tommy Rich** & **Mike Rotundo** when **Samoan Savage** pinned **Rich** at 17:54 ... In a hair match between managers, **Paul Ellering** pinned **Teddy Long** at 1:57 ... **The Midnight Express** beat U.S. tag team champions **Brian Pillman** & **Tom Zenk** to win the belts when **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Zenk** at 20:20 ... In a corporal punishment match, **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** defeated **The Freebirds** when **Rick Morton** pinned **Michael Hayes** at 18:33 ... **Doom** (managed by **Teddy Long**) beat World tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** to win the belts when **Butch Reed** pinned **Rick** at 19:14 ... In a cage match, U.S. champion **Lex Luger** defeated World champion **Ric Flair** by disqualification at 17:21.

GREAT AMERICAN BASH

(July 7, 1990)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **David Sierra** defeated **Mr. X** at 1:06 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Brian Pillman** beat **Buddy Landell** at 9:29 after a flying bodypress ... **Mike Rotundo** defeated **The Iron Sheik** at 6:46 ... **Doug Furnas** beat **Dutch Mantel** at 11:18, using a belly-to-belly suplex ... **Harley Race** defeated **Tommy Rich** at 6:32 ... **The Midnight Express** beat **The Southern Boys** when **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Tracey Smothers** at 18:14 ... **Big Van Vader** pinned **Tom Zenk** at 2:16 ... **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **The Freebirds** when **Scott** pinned **Michael Hayes** at 13:40 ... **Junkyard Dog**, **El Gigante**, & **Paul Orndorff** beat **Sid Vicious**, **Barry Windham**, & **Arn Anderson** by disqualification at 8:53 ... **Lex Luger** pinned "Mean" **Mark Callous** at 12:10 after a clothesline ... World tag team champions **Doom** defeated **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** when **Butch Reed** pinned **Robert Gibson** at 15:40 ... **Sting** pinned World champion **Ric Flair** to win the title at 16:06.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 27, 1990)

IN MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Tim Horner** defeated **Barry Horowitz** at 8:35 ... **Rip Rogers** beat **Reno Riggins** at 3:57 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Tommy Rich** & **Rick Morton** defeated **The Midnight Express** when **Rich** bashed **Stan Lane** with **Jim Cornette's** tennis racket and pinned

him at 20:49 ... **Terry Taylor** pinned **Bill Irwin** at 11:47 ... **Brad Armstrong** beat **J.W. Storm** at 5:04 ... **The Master Blasters** defeated **The Southern Boys** when **Blade** pinned **Steve Armstrong** at 17:17 ... **The Freebirds** beat **The Renegade Warriors** when **Michael Hayes** DDT'd **Chris Youngblood**, setting up a pin by **Jim Garvin** at 17:28 ... U.S. tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **The Nasty Boys** when **Scott** pinned **Brian Knobs** at 15:24 ... **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Moondog Rex** at 3:15 following a headbutt ... World tag team champions **Doom** battled **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** to a double-countout at 18:20 ... **Stan Hansen** pinned U.S. champion **Lex Luger** to win the title after a lariat at 9:30 ... World champion **Sting** pinned **Sid Vicious** after a "Stinger splash" at 12:38.

STARRCADE

(December 16, 1990)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Bill Irwin** pinned **T.C. Carter** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Tom Zenk** at 8:45 ... **Michael Wall Street** pinned **Terry Taylor** at 6:52 ... **The Skyscrapers** beat **The Motor City Madman** & **Big Cat** when **Sid Vicious** pinned **Madman** at 1:01 ... **Tommy Rich** & **Rick Morton** (accompanied by **Robert Gibson**, who was on crutches) defeated **The Freebirds** when **Morton** pinned **Jim Garvin** at 6:13 ... In a bull-rope match, **Lex Luger** pinned U.S. champion **Stan Hansen** to regain the title at 10:13 ... A street fight pitting World tag team champions **Doom** against **Arn Anderson** & **Barry Windham** was declared a no-contest at 7:19 when **Windham** pinned **Ron Simmons** at the same time **Butch Reed** pinned **Anderson** ... World champion **Sting** pinned **The Black Scorpion** at 18:31; **Scorpion** was revealed to be **Ric Flair** ... **PAT O'CONNOR MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL TAG TEAM TOURNAMENT: QUARTERFINAL BOUTS:** **Rick & Scott Steiner** (representing the U.S.) beat **Col. Deklerk** & **Sgt. Krueger** (South Africa) when **Scott** pinned **Deklerk** at 2:12 ... **Rey Mysterio Sr.** & **Konnan** (Mexico) defeated **Norman Smiley** & **Chris Adams** (Great Britain) when **Konnan** pinned **Smiley** at 5:29 ... **The Great Muta** & **Mr. Saito** (Japan) beat **Rip Morgan** & **Jacko Victory** (New Zealand) when **Muta** pinned **Victory** at 5:41 ... **Victor Zangiev** & **Salmon Hashimikov** (USSR) defeated **Danny Johnson** & **Troy Montour** (Canada) when **Hashimikov** pinned **Montour** at 3:54. **SEMIFINAL BOUTS:** **The Steiners** beat **Misterio** & **Konnan** when **Rick** pinned **Misterio** at 2:51 ... **Muta** & **Saito** defeated **Zangiev** & **Hashimikov** when **Saito** pinned **Zangiev** at 3:08. **FINAL:** **The Steiners** beat **Muta** & **Saito** when **Rick** pinned **Saito** at 10:53.

WRESTLE WAR

(February 24, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Ultraman** & **Eddie Colmero** beat **Rudy Boy** & **Weeche** when **Colmero** pinned **Rudy** at 7:39 following a "Frankensteiner" ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **NWA** six-man tag team champions **Junkyard Dog**, **Rick Morton**, & **Tommy Rich** defeated **The State Patrol** & **Big Cat** when **Morton** pinned **Buddy Lee Parker** at 9:54 ... **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Brad Armstrong** at 12:51 following a legdrop from the top rope ... **Itsumi Yamasaki** & **Mami Kitamura** beat **Miss A** & **Miki Handa** when **Yamasaki** pinned **Miss A** at 6:47 ...

Dustin Rhodes pinned **Buddy Landell** at 6:33 following a bulldog headlock ... **The Young Pistols** defeated **The Royal Family** when **Tracey Smothers** pinned **Rip Morgan** at 12:05 ... In a no-disqualification match, **Terry Taylor** pinned **Tom Zenk** at 11:00 with a reverse-rollup ... **Stan Hansen** and **Big Van Vader** battled to a double 2Ddisqualification at 6:21 ... U.S. champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Dan Spivey** at 12:55 ... **The Freebirds** beat **NWA** tag team champions **Doom** to win the title when **Jim Garvin** pinned **Ron Simmons** at 6:56 ... In a "War Games" double-cage match, **Ric Flair**, **Sid Vicious**, **Barry Windham**, & **Larry Zbyszko** (substituting for the injured **Arn Anderson**) defeated **Sting**, **Brian Pillman**, & **Rick & Scott Steiner** after referee **Nick Patrick** stopped the bout at 21:50 after **Vicious'** two power bombs rendered **Pillman** unconscious.

SUPERBRAWL I

(May 19, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Mighty Thor** pinned **El Cubano** at 8:00 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **The Freebirds** won the vacant U.S. tag team title, defeating **The Young Pistols** when **Michael Hayes** pinned **Steve Armstrong** at 10:19 after masked **Freebird Fantasia** stormed the ring and DDT'd both **Armstrong** and **Tracey Smothers** from the second rope ... **Dan Spivey** pinned **Rick Morton** at 3:11 following a power bomb ... **Nikita Koloff** pinned **Tommy Rich** at 4:07 following a clothesline ... **Dustin Rhodes** pinned **Terrence Taylor** at 8:05 after Taylor's bodyguard, **Mr. Hughes**, accidentally slugged Taylor with a loaded glove ... **Big Josh** pinned **Black Bart** (substituting for the injured **Larry Zbyszko**) at 3:46 after a sitdown splash ... **Oz** pinned **Tim Parker** at 26 seconds after a spinning airplane slam ... In a taped-first match, **Barry Windham** pinned **Brian Pillman** at 6:08 following a superplex ... In a stretch-er match, **El Gigante** pinned **Sid Vicious** at 2:13 following a clawhold. **Gigante** then successfully staved off attacks by **One Man Gang** and **Kevin Sullivan** ... In a "Thunderdome" cage match, **Ron Simmons** pinned **Butch Reed** at 9:39 after **Simmons** ducked a lunging **Reed** and used a spinebuster ... World tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** beat **Lex Luger** & **Sting** when **Scott** pinned **Sting** at 11:09 ... **Bobby Eaton** pinned TV champion **Arn Anderson** to win the title at 11:50 following a flying legdrop ... World champion **Ric Flair** pinned **Tatsumi Fujinami** at 18:39 with a "Reverse rullup."

GREAT AMERICAN BASH

(July 4, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Black Bart** at 12:45 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** In a scaffold match, **Bobby Eaton** & **P.N. News** defeated **Terrence Taylor** & **Steve Austin** when **Eaton** captured the opponents' flag at 6:19 ... **Diamond Studd** pinned **Tom Zenk** at 6:56 with a belly-to-back suplex into a bridge ... **Ron Simmons** pinned **Oz** at 7:55 following a shoulderblock ... **Rick Morton** pinned **Robert Gibson** at 17:03 after he grabbed **Alexandra York's** laptop computer and smashed it over **Gibson's** head to set up a rollup while referee **Bill Alfonso** wasn't looking ... In a six-man elimination match, **The Young Pistols** & **Dustin Rhodes** beat **The Freebirds** & **Badstreet** when **Rhodes** pinned

Badstreet at 17:03 following a bulldog headlock ... **Yellow Dog** defeated **Johnny B. Badd** by disqualification at 6:00 when **Teddy Long** interfered ... In a lumberjack match, **Big Josh** pinned **Black Blood** at 5:39 with an inside cradle ... **El Gigante** pinned **One Man Gang** at 6:13 following a clothesline ... In a Russian chain match, **Nikita Koloff** beat **Sting** at 11:39 ... In a cage match, U.S. champion **Lex Luger** won the vacant World title, pinning **Barry Windham** at 12:25 following a piledriver ... In a cage match, **Rick Steiner** & **Missy Hyatt** defeated **Paul E. Dangerously** & **Arn Anderson** when **Steiner** pinned **Dangerously** at 2:08 after a clothesline.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 27, 1991)

In a "Chamber Of Horrors" match, **El Gigante**, **Sting**, & **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **Big Van Vader**, **Diamond Studd**, **Cactus Jack**, & **Abdullah The Butcher** when **Abdullah** was placed in an "electric chair" at 12:33 ... **Big Josh** & **P.N. News** beat **The Creatures** at 5:16 ... **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Terrence Taylor** at 16:00 following an "Alabama jam" legdrop ... **Johnny B. Badd** defeated **Jim Garvin** at 8:16 after a left to the jaw ... TV champion **Steve Austin** battled **Dustin Rhodes** to a 15-minute draw ... **Bill Kazmaier** beat **Oz** by submission at 3:59 with a backbreaker ... **Van Hammer** pinned **Doug Somers** at 1:13 with a slingshot suplex ... In the finals of the light heavyweight tournament, **Brian Pillman** pinned **Richard Morton** at 12:45 after a flying bodypress ... The **WCW Halloween Phantom** (later revealed to be **Rick Rude**) defeated **Tom Zenk** at 1:27 with a "Rude awakening" neckbreaker ... World tag team champions **The Enforcers** beat U.S. tag team champions **The Patriots** when **Arn Anderson** pinned **Chip the Firebreaker** following a spinebuster slam ... In a best-of-2Dthree-falls match, World champion **Lex Luger** defeated **Ron Simmons**. **Simmons** won the first fall at 4:54, **Luger** the second by disqualification at 10:06 when referee **Nick Patrick** ruled **Simmons** had hurled **Luger** over the top rope, and **Luger** won the third at 4:00 following a piledriver.

STARRCADE

(December 29, 1991)

THE LETHAL LOTTERY: **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** & **Jim Garvin** defeated **Michael Hayes** & **Tracey Smothers** when **Bagwell** pinned **Smothers** at 12:43 following a fisherman's suplex ... **Steve Austin** & **Rick Rude** beat **Big Josh** & **Van Hammer** when **Rude** pinned **Hammer** at 12:56 after a "Rude awakening" neckbreaker ... **Richard Morton** & **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **El Gigante** & **Larry Zbyszko** at 5:54 when **Gigante** tossed teammate **Zbyszko** into the ring, where he was pinned by **Rhodes** ... **Bill Kazmaier** & **Jushin Liger** beat "Diamond" **Dallas Page** & **Mike Graham** at 13:08 when **Kazmaier** hurled **Liger** on top of **Page** for the pin ... **Lex Luger** & **Arn Anderson** defeated **Tom Zenk** & **Terrence Taylor** at 10:25 when **Luger** pinned **Taylor** following a piledriver ... **Rick Steamboat** & **Todd Champion** beat **Cactus Jack** & **Sgt. Buddy Lee Parker** at 7:48 when **Steamboat** pinned **Parker** (who had been attacked by **Abdullah The Butcher** before the bout) with a flying bodypress ... **Sting** & **Abdullah The Butcher** defeated **Bobby**

Eaton & **Brian Pillman** at 5:55 after **Sting** caught **Eaton** with a flying bodypress. **Abdullah** had attacked **Sting** before the match ... **Big Van Vader** & **Mr. Hughes** beat **The Nightstalker** (substituting for the injured **Diamond Studd**) & **Rick Steiner** at 5:05 when **Vader** pinned **Nightstalker** following a big splash ... **Scott Steiner** & **Firebreaker Chip** defeated **Johnny B. Badd** & **Arachnaman** at 11:16 when **Steiner** pinned **Arachnaman** after a belly-to-belly suplex ... **Thomas Rich** & **Ron Simmons** beat **Steve Armstrong** & **P.N. News** at 12:01 when **Simmons** pinned **Armstrong** following a spinebuster. The winning teams advanced to **Battlebowl**, a two-ring battle royal. **Lex Luger** won in ring one, last eliminating **Big Van Vader**; **Sting** won in ring two, last eliminating **Rick Steamboat**. In the finals, **Sting** hurled **Luger** over the top rope at 25:10.

SUPERBRAWL II

(February 29, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Big Josh** defeated "Diamond" **Dallas Page** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Brian Pillman** pinned light heavyweight champion **Jushin Liger** to win the title at 17:00 after a reverse rollup and bridge ... **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** beat **Terrence Taylor** at 7:38 after a reverse rollup. Following the match, **Taylor** attacked **Bagwell**, leaving him unconscious in the center of the ring ... **Ron Simmons** pinned **Cactus Jack** at 6:34 after a powerslam ... **Van Hammer** & **Tom Zenk** defeated **Vinnie Vegas** & **Richard Morton** when **Zenk** pinned **Morton** at 12:01 after a sunset flip ... **Barry Windham** & **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Steve Austin** & **Larry Zbyszko** when **Windham** pinned **Zbyszko** at 18:23 after a flying clothesline ... World tag team champions **Bobby Eaton** & **Arn Anderson** defeated **Rick & Scott Steiner** by disqualification at 20:06. **Scott** had pinned **Eaton**, but it was nullified because referee **Randy Anderson** had previously been knocked out by **Rick's** suplex ... U.S. champion **Rick Rude** pinned **Rick Steamboat** at 20:02 after **Paul E. Dangerously**, dressed as **Steamboat's** ninja assistant, smashed him in the head with his cellular telephone ... **Sting** pinned World champion **Lex Luger** to win the title at 13:02 after a flying bodypress.

WRESTLE WAR

(May 17, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: "Diamond" **Dallas Page** & **Thomas Rich** defeated **Bob Cook** & **Firebreaker Chip** when **Page** pinned **Cook** at 8:05 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **The Freebirds** beat U.S. tag team champions **Terrence Taylor** & **Greg Valentine** when **Jim Garvin** used a DDT to pin **Taylor** at 16:02 ... **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **Tracey Smothers** at 7:03 after a left hook ... **Scotty Flamingo** pinned **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** at 7:11 after reversing a rollup and holding **Bagwell's** trunks ... A scheduled tag team match pitting **Junkyard Dog** & **Ron Simmons** against **Mr. Hughes** & **Cactus Jack** never took place, as **Jack** attacked **Dog** on the runway leading into the ring, slammed him to the floor, and delivered a flying elbow. In a singles match, **Simmons** pinned **Hughes** at 5:22 after a football tackle ... **The Super Invader** beat **Todd Champion** at 5:26 after a power bomb ... **Big Josh**

pinned **Richard Morton** at 7:33 with a "northern exposure drop" ... Light heavyweight champion **Brian Pillman** pinned **Tom Zenk** at 15:30 ... World tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **Tatsumi Fujinami** & **Takayuki Iizuka** when **Rick** pinned **Iizuka** after a belly-to-belly suplex from the second turnbuckle ... In the War Games bout, **Sting**, **Rick Steamboat**, **Dustin Rhodes**, **Nikita Koloff**, & **Barry Windham** beat **The Dangerous Alliance** (**Steve Austin**, **Rick Rude**, **Arn Anderson**, **Larry Zbyszko**, & **Bobby Eaton**) when **Eaton** submitted to **Sting** at 23:27. The order of entry was **Austin** & **Windham**, **Rude**, **Steamboat**, **Anderson**, **Rhodes**, **Zbyszko**, **Sting**, **Eaton**, and **Koloff**.

BEACH BLAST

(June 20, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Junkyard Dog**, **Tom Zenk**, & **Big Josh** defeated "Diamond" **Dallas Page**, **Richard Morton**, & **Tracey Smothers** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Scotty Flamingo** pinned light heavyweight champion **Brian Pillman** to win the title at 17:29 ... **Ron Simmons** pinned **Terrence Taylor** at 7:10 after a powerslam ... In a falls-count-anywhere match, **Sting** pinned **Cactus Jack** at 11:24 after **Sting** caught **Jack** with a flying clothesline on the ramp ... **Greg Valentine** beat **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** by submission at 7:17 after a figure-four leglock ... In a 30-minute "Ironman Challenge" bout, **Rick Steamboat** defeated U.S. champion **Rick Rude**, four falls to three. **Steamboat** achieved the deciding fall at 29:25 when he was locked in a sleeperhold, but kicked off the ropes into a pinning position ... **Dustin Rhodes**, **Nikita Koloff**, & **Barry Windham** beat **Bobby Eaton**, **Steve Austin**, & **Arn Anderson** by disqualification at 15:32 after referee **Ole Anderson** disqualified **Arn** for diving off the top turnbuckle onto **Windham**. At the time, **WCW** had a rule prohibiting jumps off the top rope ... World tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** battled **Terry Gordy** & **Steve Williams** to a 30-minute draw.

GREAT AMERICAN BASH

(July 12, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Super Invader** pinned **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Big Van Vader** pinned World champion **Sting** to win the title at 17:17 after a power bomb ... **NWA TAG TEAM TOURNAMENT: QUARTERFINAL BOUTS:** **Rick Steamboat** & **Nikita Koloff** beat **Brian Pillman** & **Jushin Liger** when **Steamboat** pinned **Pillman** on a reversal at 19:26 ... **Hiroshi Hase** & **Shinya Hashimoto** (substituting for **Akira Nogami**) defeated **The Freebirds** when **Hase** pinned **Jim Garvin** at 9:16 with a "northern lights" suplex ... **Dustin Rhodes** & **Barry Windham** beat **Rick Rude** & **Steve Austin** (accompanied by **Madusa Miceli**) when **Rhodes** pinned **Austin** at 19:15 following a clothesline off the top rope ... **SEMIFINAL BOUTS:** **Williams** & **Gordy** defeated **Steamboat** & **Koloff** when **Williams** pinned **Steamboat** at 21:39 with a cradle ... **Rhodes** & **Windham** beat **Hase** & **Hashimoto** when **Windham** pinned **Hase** at 14:55 following a clothesline ... **FINAL:** **Williams** & **Gordy** defeated **Rhodes** & **Windham** when **Williams** pinned **Rhodes** at 21:10 after a clothesline.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 25, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Erik Watts** & **Van Hammer** defeated **Vinnie Vegas** & "Diamond" **Dallas Page** when **Watts** pinned **Page** at 12:00 with an Oklahoma side roll ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Tom Zenk**, **Shane Douglas**, & **Johnny Gunn** beat **Arn Anderson**, **Bobby Eaton**, & **Michael Hayes** when **Gunn** pinned **Hayes** at 11:02 with a Thesz press ... **Rick Steamboat** pinned **Brian Pillman** at 10:35, reversing a **Pillman** pin attempt with his legs ... In a no-disqualification bout, **Big Van Vader** (defending the U.S. title for **Rick Rude**) pinned **Nikita Koloff** at 11:53 following a power bomb ... World and NWA tag team champions **Dustin Rhodes** & **Barry Windham** battled to a 30-minute draw with **Steve Williams** & **Steve Austin** (substituting for **Terry Gordy**) ... **Rick Rude** defeated NWA champion **Masa Chono** by disqualification at 22:33 ... World champion **Ron Simmons** pinned **The Barbarian** (accompanied by **Cactus Jack**) at 12:41 following a powerslam ... In a coal miner's glove match, **Sting** pinned **Jake Roberts** at 10:34 after hitting him with the glove.

STARRCADE

(December 28, 1992)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Brad Armstrong** pinned **Shanghai Pierce** at 7:30 after a Russian leg sweep ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** NWA champion **Masa Chono** defeated **The Great Muta** by submission to the STF at 14:29 ... World champion **Ron Simmons** battled **Steve Williams** to a double-countout, but the decision was changed to a **Simmons** disqualification victory at 15:12 when **Williams** attacked him after the match ... World and NWA tag team champions **Rick Steamboat** & **Shane Douglas** beat **Barry Windham** & **Brian Pillman** when **Douglas** pinned **Pillman** at 20:02 following a belly-to-belly suplex ... **IN THE FINALS OF THE KING OF CABLE TOURNAMENT:** **Sting** pinned **Big Van Vader** at 16:50 after a powerslam ... **THE LETHAL LOTTERY:** **Van Hammer** & **Dan Spivey** defeated **Cactus Jack** & **Johnny B. Badd** when **Hammer** pinned **Cactus** at 6:51 ... **Dustin Rhodes** & **Big Van Vader** beat **Kensuke Sasaki** & **The Barbarian** when **Rhodes** pinned **Barbarian** at 6:56. **Vader** clotheslined **Rhodes** after the bout ... **Barry Windham** & **The Great Muta** defeated **2 Cold Scorpio** & **Brian Pillman** when **Muta** pinned **Scorpio** at 6:59 after a **Windham** DDT ... **Steve Williams** & **Sting** beat **Erik Watts** & **Jushin Liger** when **Williams** pinned **Watts** at 9:08. The winning teams advanced to **Battlebowl** ... **Steve Williams** defeated **Van Hammer** ... **Sting** beat **Dan Spivey** ... **Sting** & **Big Van Vader** eliminated each other ... **Steve Williams** and **Dustin Rhodes** were eliminated when **Williams** tried to eliminate **Rhodes** and **Windham** ... **The Great Muta** won the **Battlebowl** battle royal, eliminating **Barry Windham** at 14:01 when he sent him over the top rope with two flying droppicks.

SUPERBRAWL III

(February 21, 1993)

Brian Pillman & **Steve Austin** beat **Erik Watts** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** when **Pillman** pinned **Bagwell** ... **2 Cold Scorpio** pinned **Chris Benoit** following a roll-up at 19:59, one second before the time

limit was to expire ... **Davey Boy Smith** pinned "**Wild**" **Bill Irwin** following a powerslam ... In a falls-count-anywhere match, **Cactus Jack** beat **Paul Orndorff**, pinning Orndorff in the ring after blasting him with a shovel ... **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** pinned **The Heavenly Bodies** when **Robert Gibson** pinned **Tom Prichard** after an attempt at outside interference by **Bobby Eaton** failed ... U.S. champion **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Maxx Payne** (substituting for **Ron Simmons**) by disqualification when Payne pulled referee **Mike Adkins** into Rhodes ... **Barry Windham** pinned NWA champion **The Great Muta** following a DDT to win the title ... World champion **Big Van Vader** defeated **Sting** in a "White Castle Of Fear" strap match.

SLAMBOREE

(May 23, 1993)

2 Cold Scorpio & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** beat **Bobby Eaton** & **Chris Benoit** when Scorpio pinned Benoit at 9:22 ... **Sid Vicious** pinned **Van Hammer** in 35 seconds ... In a six-man legends match, **Dick Murdoch**, **Don Muraco**, & **Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka** battled to a no-contest with **Wahoo McDaniel**, **Blackjack Mulligan**, & **Jim Brunzell** ... In a legends tag team match, **Thunderbolt Patterson** & **Brad Armstrong** defeated **Ivan Koloff** & **Baron Von Raschke** when Patterson pinned Von Raschke at 4:39 ... In a legends match, **Dory Funk Jr.** & **Nick Backwinkel** battled to a 15*2minute time-limit draw ... **Rick Rude** & TV champion **Paul Orndorff** defeated **Dustin Rhodes** & **Kensuke Sasaki** when Rude pinned Sasaki at 9:25 ... In a bounty match, **Sting** pinned **The Prisoner** at 5:16 ... World tag team champions **Brian Pillman** & **Steve Austin** beat **Shane Douglas** & **Rick Steamboat** when Austin pinned Douglas at 16:08 ... NWA champion **Barry Windham** pinned **Arn Anderson** at 10:55 ... **Davey Boy Smith** defeated World champion **Big Van Vader** by disqualification at 16:16.

BEACH BLAST

(July 18, 1993)

TV champion **Paul Orndorff** defeated **Ron Simmons** by disqualification when Simmons intentionally threw Orndorff over the top rope at 11:15 ... **2 Cold Scorpio** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** defeated **Tex Slazenger** & **Shanghai Pierce** when Scorpio pinned Pierce at 12:48 ... **Lord Steven Regal** pinned **Erik Watts** at 7:31 ... **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **Maxx Payne** in a grudge match at 4:50 ... World tag team champions **Brian Pillman** & **Steve Austin** beat **Arn Anderson** & **Paul Roma** when Austin pinned Roma at 26:14 ... **Rick Rude** & **Dustin Rhodes** battled to a 30-minute time-limit 1-1 draw in an "Ironman Challenge" for the vacant U.S. title ... **Ric Flair** pinned NWA champion **Barry Windham** at 11:15 ... **Davey Boy Smith** & **Sting** beat **Sid Vicious** & **Big Van Vader** when Smith pinned Vader at 16:44.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 24, 1993)

Shockmaster, **Ice Train**, & **Charlie Norris** defeated **Harlem Heat** & **The Equalizer** ... **Paul Orndorff** defeated **Rick Steamboat** by countout when **The Assassin**, who was advising Orndorff at ringside, put a weapon in his mask and heatbuted Steamboat, rendering him unconscious ... TV champion **Lord Steven**

Regal battled to a 15-minute time-limit draw with **Davey Boy Smith** ... U.S. champion **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Steve Austin** ... **The Nasty Boys** defeated World tag team champions **2 Cold Scorpio** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell**, as **Brian Knobs** pinned Scorpio to win the title ... **Sting** pinned **Sid Vicious** ... **Rick Rude** beat **Ric Flair** by disqualification ... In a "Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal" match that turned out to be a Texas death match, World champion **Big Van Vader** defeated **Cactus Jack**.

STARRCADE

(December 27, 1993)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Terry Taylor** pinned **The Equalizer** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Paul Orndorff** & **Paul Roma** defeated **2 Cold Scorpio** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** in 11:45 when Orndorff pinned Scorpio ... **Shockmaster** pinned **Awesome Kong** in 1:34 ... TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** & **Rick Steamboat** battled to a 15*2minute, time-limit draw ... **Cactus Jack** & **Maxx Payne** defeated **Tex Slazenger** & **Shanghai Pierce** in 7:48 when Jack pinned Slazenger ... **Steve Austin** defeated U.S. champion **Dustin Rhodes** in a best-of-three-falls match to win the title. Austin won the first fall by disqualification in 13:32 and the second by pinfall in 1:28 ... **Rick Rude** pinned **The Boss** in 9:08 ... **Sting** & **Road Warrior Hawk** defeated World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** by disqualification in 29:11 when **Missy Hyatt** interfered ... **Ric Flair** pinned World champion **Big Van Vader** in 21:11 to win the title.

SUPERBRAWL IV

(February 20, 1994)

Harlem Heat defeated **Thunder** & **Lightning** when Kane pinned Thunder ... "**Jungle**" **Jim Steele** beat **The Equalizer** with a "Thesz press" and pin ... **Terry Taylor** beat "**Diamond**" **Dallas Page** ... **Johnny B. Badd** defeated **Jim Garvin** ... TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** beat **Arn Anderson** after interference by **Sir William Dundee** ... **Cactus Jack** & **Maxx Payne** beat World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** by disqualification when **Brian Knobs** smashed a guitar on Jack's head ... In a "Thundercage" match, **Sting**, **Brian Pillman**, & **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Paul Orndorff**, **Steve Austin**, & **Rick Rude** when Sting lifted Pillman into the air and tossed him onto Austin for the pin ... In another "Thundercage" match, World champion **Ric Flair** beat **Big Van Vader**.

SPRING STAMPEDE

(April 17, 1994)

IN MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Danny Bonaduce** beat **Christopher Knight** ... **Kevin** & **Evad Sullivan** defeated **Pat Tanaka** & **Paul Diamond** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** U.S. champion **Steve Austin** beat **The Great Muta** by disqualification when Muta accidentally threw Austin over the top rope ... **Sting** defeated **Rick Rude** when **Harley Race** accidentally smashed Rude with a chair, enabling Sting to score the pin ... **Bunkhouse Buck** beat **Dustin Rhodes** in a bunkhouse match ... Television champion **Lord Steven Regal** battled to a 15-minute draw with **Brian Pillman** ... **Big Van Vader** pinned **The Boss** after a moonsault ... World champion **Ric Flair** was awarded a decision over **Rick Steamboat**. Both wrestlers' shoulders were pinned after Steamboat used a double-chicken wing and back

slide. Commissioner **Nick Backwinkel** decided that Flair would retain the title ... **Johnny B. Badd** pinned "**Diamond**" **Dallas Page** ... World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** beat **Cactus Jack** & **Maxx Payne** in a "Chicago Street Fight."

SLAMBOREE

(May 22, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Paul Orndorff** & **Paul Roma** defeated **Brad** & **Brian Armstrong** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** U.S. champion **Steve Austin** defeated **Johnny B. Badd** ... **Terry Funk** & **Tully Blanchard** wrestled to a double*2D-disqualification ... **Larry Zbyszko** pinned TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** in a non*2Dtitle match ... **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Bunkhouse Buck** in a bulrope match ... World champion **Ric Flair** pinned **Barry Windham** ... **Cactus Jack** & **Kevin Sullivan** beat World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** to win the title when Jack pinned **Jerry Sags** (Retired Philadelphia Flyer hockey player **Dave Schultz** was the guest referee) ... **Sting** pinned **Big Van Vader**.

BASH AT THE BEACH

(July 17, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Brian** & **Brad Armstrong** defeated **Steve Keim** & **Bobby Eaton** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** TV champion **Steve Regal** pinned **Johnny B. Badd** in 10:40 ... **Big Van Vader** defeated **Guardian Angel** by disqualification in 7:58 ... **Terry Funk** & **Bunkhouse Buck** beat **Dustin Rhodes** & **Arn Anderson** in 11:15 when Funk pinned Rhodes—after Rhodes was DDT'd by Anderson ... U.S. champion **Steve Austin** pinned **Rick Steamboat** in 20:10 ... **Paul Roma** & **Paul Orndorff** defeated **Cactus Jack** & **Kevin Sullivan** in 20:11 to capture the World tag team title when Orndorff pinned Jack ... **Hulk Hogan** pinned World champion **Ric Flair** in 21:50 to win the title.

FALL BRAWL

(September 18, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Brian** & **Brad Armstrong** defeated **Steve Keim** & **Bobby Eaton** when Brian pinned Eaton ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Johnny B. Badd** defeated TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** in 11:09 to capture the title ... **Kevin Sullivan** defeated **Cactus Jack** in 6:12 of a loser-leaves-WCW bout ... **Steve Austin** was awarded the U.S. title by forfeit when champion **Rick Steamboat** could not compete due to a back injury. WCW Commissioner **Nick Backwinkel** ordered Austin to defend the title against **Hacksaw Duggan**, who pinned Austin in 27 seconds to win the belt ... World tag team champions **Paul Roma** & **Paul Orndorff** defeated **The Patriot** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** when Roma pinned Bagwell at 12:54 ... In the "triangular match" to determine a challenger to **Hulk Hogan's** World title, **Big Van Vader** beat **The Guardian Angel** in 7:04; Vader then scored the victory over **Sting** in a "sudden death" round after no winner had been declared when the 15-minute time limit and a five-minute overtime round had taken place ... In the War Games bout, the team of **Dusty Rhodes**, **Dustin Rhodes**, & **The Nasty Boys** beat **Col. Robert Parker**, **Terry Funk**, **Bunkhouse Buck**, & **Arn Anderson** when Dusty forced Parker to submit to a figure-four leglock.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 23, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Booker T** defeated **Brian Armstrong** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** TV champion **Johnny B. Badd** battled **The Honky Tonk Man** to a 10-minute time-limit draw ... **Paul Orndorff** & **Paul Roma** defeated World tag team champions **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** & **The Patriot** to win the title when Orndorff pinned Bagwell at 13:49 ... **Dave Sullivan** beat **Kevin Sullivan** by countout in 5:21 ... **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Arn Anderson** in 9:49 ... U.S. champion **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Steve Austin** by disqualification in 8:07 when Austin tossed Duggan over the top rope ... **Big Van Vader** pinned **The Guardian Angel** in 8:16 ... **The Nasty Boys** beat **Terry Funk** & **Bunkhouse Buck** in 8:01 when **Jerry Sags** pinned Funk ... World champion **Hulk Hogan** pinned **Ric Flair** in 19:25 of a steel cage retirement match; **Mr. T** was special guest referee.

STARRCADE

(December 27, 1994)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Arn Anderson** & **Bunkhouse Buck** defeated **Brad** & **Scott Armstrong** when Anderson pinned Scott ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Big Van Vader** pinned U.S. champion **Hacksaw Duggan** in 12:06 to capture the title ... **Alex Wright** pinned **Jean-Paul LeVeque** in 14:01 ... TV champion **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **Arn Anderson** (substituting for **The Honky Tonk Man**) in 11:21 ... **The Nasty Boys** defeated World tag team champions **Harlem Heat** by disqualification in 17:44 ... **Mr. T** beat **Kevin Sullivan** in 3:48 after **Dave Sullivan** hit Kevin with a megaphone ... **Sting** beat **Avalanche** by disqualification in 15:25 ... World champion **Hulk Hogan** pinned **Brutus "The Butcher" Beefeake** in 12:07.

SUPERBRAWL V

(February 19, 1995)

IN MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Paul Orndorff** pinned **Brad Armstrong** ... **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** & **The Patriot** beat **Dino Casanova** & **Romeo Valentino** ... TV champion **Arn Anderson** pinned **Johnny B. Badd** in a lumberjack match ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Alex Wright** pinned **Paul Roma** in 13:21 ... **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Bunkhouse Buck** in 11:58 ... **Kevin Sullivan** pinned **Dave Sullivan** in 7:19 ... World tag team champions **Harlem Heat** (with **Sherri Martel**) defeated **The Nasty Boys** by disqualification in 17:06 ... **Blacktop Bully** (managed by **Col. Rob Parker**) pinned **Dustin Rhodes** in 16:10 ... **Randy Savage** & **Sting** beat **Avalanche** & **Big Bubba Rogers** in 10:18 ... World champion **Hulk Hogan** beat U.S. champion **Big Van Vader** by disqualification in 15:10 when **Ric Flair** interfered.

WCW UNCENSORED

(March 19, 1995)

IN WCW MAIN EVENT MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Alex Wright** pinned **Mark Starr** in 2:44 ... **Steve Austin** pinned **Tim Horner** in 1:27 following a superplex ... **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** & **The Patriot** beat **Dick Slater** & **Bunkhouse Buck** in 12:31 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Blacktop**

Bully beat Dustin Rhodes in 13:09 in a "King Of The Road" match that took place on a moving 18-wheel flatbed truck ... **Meng** beat **Hacksaw Duggan** in 7:34 in a martial-arts match ... **Johnny B. Badd** knocked out **Arn Anderson** in round four of a boxer vs. wrestler match ... **Randy Savage** beat **Avalanche** by disqualification at 11:27 when **Ric Flair**, wearing women's clothing and a wig, ran in and attacked **Savage** ... **Big Bubba Rogers** pinned **Sting** in 13:32 ... **The Nasty Boys** beat **Harlem Heat** in 15:28 in a "Texas Tornado" match ... **Hulk Hogan** beat **Big Van Vader** in 15:28 in a strap match when **Hogan** attacked **Ric Flair**, who had interfered, and dragged him to all four corners.

SLAMBOREE

(May 21, 1995)

IN WCW MAIN EVENT MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Steve Regal** & **Bobby Eaton** beat **Los Especialistas** in 1:22 ... **Steve Austin** pinned **Eddie Jackie** in 1:00 ... **Sgt. Craig Pittman** defeated **Mark Starr** via submission in 2:02 ... **Meng** defeated **Brian Pillman** in 4:40 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **The Nasty Boys** defeated **World tag team champions Harlem Heat** in 10:52 to win the belts ... **Kevin Sullivan** defeated **Brutus "The Butcher" Beefcake** in 5:25 ... **Wahoo McDaniel** beat **Dick Murdoch** in 6:17 in a legends match ... **WGP** heavyweight champion **The Great Muta** pinned **Paul Orndorff** in 14:10 ... **TV** champion **Arn Anderson** beat **Alex Wright** in 11:36 ... **Road Warrior Hawk** and **Meng** wrestled to a double-countout in 4:40 ... **Sting** defeated **Big Bubba Rogers** by submission in 9:29 in a "lights-out" match ... **Hulk Hogan** & **Randy Savage** beat **Ric Flair** & **Big Van Vader** when **Hogan** pinned **Flair** at 18:01.

GREAT AMERICAN BASH

(June 18, 1995)

IN WCW MAIN EVENT MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Harlem Heat** beat **The Fantastics** in 6:46 when **Booker T** pinned **Tommy Rogers** ... **Sgt. Craig Pittman** defeated **Chris Canyon** in 2:16 via submission ... **Dick Slater** & **Bunkhouse Buck** beat **Frankie Lancaster** & **Barry Houston** in 3:52 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Alex Wright** beat **Brian Pillman** in 15:24 ... **Dave Sullivan** beat "Diamond" **Dallas Page** in 43 seconds in an arm-wrestling contest and thus earned a date with **Page's Diamond Doll** ... **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Sgt. Craig Pittman** by disqualification in 8:13 ... **Harlem Heat** beat **Bunkhouse Buck** & **Dick Slater** in 8:40 ... **The Renegade** beat **TV** champion **Arn Anderson** in 9:07 to win the title ... **World tag team champions The Nasty Boys** beat **Bobby Eaton** & **Lord Steven Regal** in 15:00 when **Brian Knobs** pinned **Eaton** ... **Sting** defeated **Meng** in 13:28 in the finals of the U.S. title tournament to win the vacant championship ... **Ric Flair** pinned **Randy Savage** in 14:42.

BASH AT THE BEACH

(July 16, 1995)

IN MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Johnny B. Badd** defeated **Chris Canyon** in 2:03 ... **Road Warrior Hawk** pinned **Mark Starr** in 1:25 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Dick Slater** & **Bunkhouse Buck** beat **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** & **Alex Wright** in 3:25 ... U.S. champion **Sting** pinned **Meng** in 15:31 ... **TV** champion **The Renegade** pinned **Paul Orndorff** in

6:12 ... **Kamala** pinned **Hacksaw Duggan** in 6:06 ... "Diamond" **Dallas Page** pinned **Dave Sullivan** in 5:04 ... **World tag team champions Harlem Heat** retained the titles in a triangle match by beating both **The Nasty Boys** and **Bobby Eaton** & **Lord Steven Regal** in 13:41 ... **Randy Savage** pinned **Ric Flair** in 13:55 in a lumberjack match ... **World champion Hulk Hogan** defeated **Big Van Vader** in a 13:13 in a steel cage match.

FALL BRAWL

(September 17, 1995)

IN WCW MAIN EVENT MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Big Bubba Rogers** pinned **Mark Minh** in 1:04 ... **Disco Inferno** pinned **Joey Maggs** in 2:33 ... **Alex Wright** and **Eddy Guerrero** battled to a no-decision in 6:36 ... **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** & **Scotty Riggs** defeated **The Nasty Boys** in 4:15 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **Brian Pillman** at 29:57 in a match to determine the number-one contender to **Sting's** U.S. title ... **Sgt. Craig Pittman** beat **Cobra** by submission to the "Code Red" ambarr at 1:20 ... "Diamond" **Dallas Page** beat **TV** champion **The Renegade** (managed by **Jimmy Hart**) at 8:07 to win the title after **Max Muscle** held **Renegade's** legs as **Page** used his "Diamond cutter" DDT and then scored the pin ... **Harlem Heat** defeated **World tag team champions Bunkhouse Buck** & **Dick Slater** to win the title at 18:30 after **The Nasty Boys** interfered ... **Arn Anderson** pinned **Ric Flair** in 22:57 after **Brian Pillman** interfered ... **Hulk Hogan**, **Sting**, **Randy Savage**, & **Lex Luger** beat **Zodiac**, **Meng**, **Kamala**, & **Shark** in "War Games" in 18:45 when **Hogan** forced **Zodiac** to submit to a reverse chinlock.

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

(October 29, 1995)

IN WCW MAIN EVENT MATCHES NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Eddy Guerrero** pinned **Disco Inferno** in 3:21 ... **Paul Orndorff** pinned **Renegade** in 1:22 ... **Chris Benoit** & **Dean Malenko** defeated **Lord Steven Regal** & **Bobby Eaton** in 8:41 ... **Sgt. Craig Pittman** pinned **V.K. Wall Street** in 3:37 ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **TV** champion "Diamond" **Dallas Page** (with **The Diamond Doll** & **Max Muscle**) at 16:54 to win the title ... **Randy Savage** beat **Zodiac** at 1:30 ... **Kurasawa** pinned **Road Warrior Hawk** at 3:14, as **Col. Robert Parker** held **Hawk's** legs as **Kurasawa** was pinning him ... **Sabu** (with **The Sheik**) beat **Mr. J.L.** at 3:28 ... **Lex Luger** beat **Meng** by disqualification at 13:50 when **Kevin Sullivan** interfered ... **Ric Flair** & **Sting** beat **Arn Anderson** & **Brian Pillman** by disqualification at 16:43 when **Flair** helped **Anderson** and **Pillman** beat up **Sting** ... **Randy Savage** pinned **Lex Luger** at 5:27 after **Luger** collided with **Jimmy Hart**, who was on the ring apron talking to referee **Nick Patrick** ... **The Giant** beat **World champion Hulk Hogan** by disqualification at 13:48 when **Jimmy Hart** interfered and hit referee **Randy Anderson**.

WORLD WAR III

(November 26, 1995)

TV champion **Johnny B. Badd** pinned "Diamond" **Dallas Page** at 12:35 ... **Big Bubba Rogers** knocked out **Hacksaw Duggan** at 10:05 in a taped-fist match ... **Bull Nakano** & **Akira Hokuto** defeated

Cutie Suzuki & **Mayumi Ozaki** when **Nakano** pinned **Ozaki** at 9:16 ... U.S. champion **Kensuke Sasaki** pinned **Chris Benoit** at 10:01 ... **Lex Luger** defeated **Randy Savage** by submission at 5:28 ... **Sting** defeated **Ric Flair** by submission at 14:30 ... **Randy Savage** won a three-ring, 60-man battle royal to capture the held-up **WCW** World title at 29:19.

OTHER PAY-PER-VIEW RESULTS

AWA: SUPERCLASH III

(December 13, 1988)

Chavo Guerrero, **Hector Guerrero**, & **Mando Guerrero** defeated **Cactus Jack** & **The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs** when **Chavo** pinned **Tommy Lane** at the 6:35 mark ... **Eric Embry** defeated **Jeff Jarrett** in 4:13 to win the **World Class** light heavyweight title ... **Jimmy Valiant** pinned **Wayne Bloom** in 24 seconds ... **Iceman King** & **Parsons** pinned **Brickhouse Brown** in 5:41 to retain the **Texas** title ... **Wendy Richter** & **The Top Guns** defeated **Madusa Miceli** & **Badd Company** when **Richter** pinned **Miceli** at the 5:43 mark ... **Greg Gagne** defeated **Ronnie Garvin** by countout in 5:52 to capture the held-up **TV** title ... **The Terrorist** won a "Beverly Hills Lingerie" battle royal in 8:36 ... **Sgt. Slaughter** and **Col. DeBeers** wrestled to a no-contest in a boot camp match ... **The Samoan Swat Team** defeated **Michael Hayes** & **Steve Cox** to retain the **World Class** tag team title when **Samu** pinned **Hayes** in 7:53 after **Buddy Roberts** hit **Hayes** with a chain ... **Wahoo McDaniel** defeated **Manny Fernandez** in a strap match in 7:48 ... **Jerry Lawler** defeated **Kerry Von Erich** in 18:53 to capture the unified **AWA** and **World Class** titles ... **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** battled **Robert Fuller** & **Jimmy Golden** to a double-disqualification in 7:03.

UWF BEACH BRAWL

(June 9, 1991)

IN A MATCH NOT SHOWN ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW TELECAST: **Boris Zuhov** defeated **Paul Samson** ... **IN PAY-PER-VIEW BOUTS:** **The Blackhearts** defeated **Jim Cooper** & **Fire Cat** when **Blackheart I** pinned **Cooper** at 7:45 ... **Johnny Ace** and **Terry Gordy** battled to a double-countout in 6:08 ... **Brian Blair** & **Jim Brunzell** defeated **The Power Twins** in 12:23 ... **Rockin' Robin** defeated **Candi Devine** in 6:05 to become the first **UWF** women's champion ... **Paul Orndorff** pinned **Col. DeBeers** at 4:15 ... **Bob Backlund** pinned **Ivan Koloff** in 2:23 ... **Steve Ray** & **Sunny Beach** defeated **Cactus Jack** & **Bob Orton** in 4:11 ... **Steve Williams** pinned **Bam Bam Bigelow** in 7:11 to become the first **UWF** heavyweight champion.

LPWA: SUPER LADIES SHOWDOWN

(February 23, 1992)

IN THE FIRST ROUND OF A TOURNAMENT TO CROWN AN LPWA JAPANESE CHAMPION: **Denise Storm** pinned **Susan Greene** in 6:02 ... **Reggie Bennett** pinned **Yukari Osawa** in 6:19 ... **Harley Saito** pinned **Mizuki Endo** in 7:06 ... **Eagle Sawai** pinned **Madori Saito** in 5:43 ... **IN THE SEMIFINAL ROUND:** **Storm** beat **Bennett** by disqualification in 8:27 ... **Saito** and **Sawai** battled to a 10-minute time-limit draw; **Saito** was awarded the match on points ... **FINAL:** **Saito** beat **Storm** in 8:07 to capture the title ... **IN NON-2DTOURNAMENT MATCHES:** **Millki Handa** & **Mami Kitamura** defeated **Lisa Starr** & **Allison Royal** in 3:46 when **Kitamura** pinned **Starr** ... **Shinobu Kandori** pinned **Desiree Peterson** in 4:31 ... **Black Venus** pinned **Rockin' Robin** in 5:39 ... **Lelani Kai** & **Judy Martin** retained their **LPWA** tag team title by defeating **Bambi** & **Malia Hosaka** in 8:47 when **Martin** pinned **Hosaka** ... **Terri Power** captured the **LPWA** title from **Lady X** in 8:36.

UWFI

(October 4, 1993)

Yoji Anijo defeated **Tatsuo Nakano** in 9:22 ... **Dennis Koslowski** defeated **Masahito Kakihara** in 8:55 ... **Hironmitsu Kanehara** defeated **Tommy Cairo** by knockout in 3:49 ... **Kiyoshi Tamura** defeated **Yuko Miyata** by submission in 8:19 ... **Gene Lydig** beat **Greg Bobbick** in 7:37 ... **Kazuo Yamazaki** defeated **Bad News Allen** in 13:34 ... **Salman Hashimikov** & **Vladimir Berkovich** defeated **Dan Severn** & **Gary Albright** in 13:09 when **Hashimikov** forced **Severn** to submit ... **Nabuhiko Takada** defeated **Billy Scott** by submission in 13:00.

AAA: WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

(November 6, 1994)

Mascarita Sagrada & **Octagoncito** beat **Espedrito** & **Jerito Estrada** in 8:30 ... **Fuerza Guerrera**, **Psicosis**, & **Louie Spicolli** beat **Rey Misterio Jr.**, **Heavy Metal**, & **Latin Lover** in 12:46 ... **Tito Santana**, **2 Cold Scorpio**, & **Pegasus Kid** beat **Blue Panther**, **La Parka**, & **Jerry Estrada** in 14:58 ... **El Hijo del Santo** & **Octagon** beat **Love Machine** & **Eddy Guerrero** in 22:29 in a tag team elimination match ... **Perro Aguayo** beat **Konnar** in 17:50 in a steel cage match.

NEW JAPAN COLLISION IN KOREA *

(August 4, 1995)

Akira Hokuto pinned **Bull Nakano** ... **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **Hiroshi Hase** & **Kensuke Sasaki** when **Scott** pinned **Hase** ... **Road Warrior Hawk** pinned **Tadao Yasuda** ... **Scott Norton** & **Masa Chono** defeated **Takayuki Iizuka** & **Akira Nogami** when **Norton** pinned **Nogami** ... **Wild Pegasus** pinned **2 Cold Scorpio** ... **Black Cat** pinned **El Samurai** ... **Hiro Saito** pinned **Yuji Nagata** ... **Yuji Nagata** beat **Tokumitsu Ishizawa** ... **Bull Nakano** & **Akira Hokuto** beat **Manami Toyota** & **Mariko Yoshida** ... **Hiroshi Hase** beat **Wild Pegasus** ... **Masa Chono** & **Hiro Saito** beat **El Samurai** & **Tadao Yasuda** ... **2 Cold Scorpio** beat **Shinjiro Otani** ... **Kensuke Sasaki** beat **Masa Saito** ... **Shinya Hashimoto** wrestled **Scott Norton** to a time-limit draw ... **Antonio Inoki** defeated **Ric Flair**.

* This pay-per-view card was an edited version of two nights of wrestling that took place April 28 and 29, 1995.

JAPAN, EUROPE, and MEXICO WRESTLING BEYOND THE U.S. IS BIG ... VERY BIG!

Many fans in the United States only know about wrestling in the United States. This feature, exclusive to the 1996 PWI ALMANAC, will fill you in on what's happening overseas—and why you should pay attention

Wrestling fans who have never traveled abroad would probably be shocked to find out about not only the popularity of wrestling around the world, but the wide variety of styles represented overseas. Since promotions from other countries for the most part don't broadcast their television shows or promote cards in the United States, few American fans realize there's a world of wrestling beyond North American shores.

In fact, there is no country in the world where pro wrestling is more popular than Japan. While the United States now only has two major national promotions (WWF and WCW) and a few independent groups that run regularly, the city of Tokyo alone has more than 30 different wrestling promotions!

There are many differences between what would be termed American-style and Japanese-style wrestling. The type of wrestling and promotion within WWF and WCW is similar and is known around the world as American style. It's an entertainment-oriented style, aimed primarily at a young audience. SMW and USWA, with more brawling and more stipulation-type matches, is generally known as Southern style. ECW, with more extreme brawling and match stipulations, is actually the most similar to two wrestling companies in Japan, Frontier Martial Arts Wrestling (FMW) and the International Wrestling Alliance (IWA).

No discussion of wrestling around the world should begin without talking about New Japan Pro Wrestling and All-Japan Pro Wrestling. On the surface, because these are the two largest and most popular companies in Japan, one would make a comparison with WWF and WCW. But there are a

lot more differences than similarities between Japan's two biggest company's and WWF and WCW, differences that usually become very noticeable when occasional interpromotional matches take place.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST PROMOTION

New Japan, which is currently the largest and most popular wrestling promotion in the world, has a working agreement with WCW. That's why you'll often see New Japan wrestlers such as The Great Muta, Jushin Liger, or Kensuke Sasaki on WCW pay-per-view cards and sometimes on television. WCW wrestlers, like Sting and Ric Flair, likewise often appear on major New Japan events. Some recent acquisitions by WCW—Sabu, Dean Malenko, Eddy Guerrero, and Chris Benoit—were all major stars with New Japan, and compete regularly for both promotions. In the past, major New Japan cards such as a few of the Tokyo Dome events and the recent Collision In Korea, have been broadcast by WCW on pay-per-view in the United States.

Guerrero, Benoit, and Malenko typify the style of wrestling in the New Japan promotion. The wrestlers are strong on fundamental skills and conditioning, wrestle a fast-paced style with few stationary holds, and do little in the way of showboating or taunting during their matches. There is a greater emphasis on not only winning and losing, but on putting forth a great effort in the ring, more so than there is on things like interviews or grudge



RIKI CHOSHU VS. HIROSHI HASE

matches. Stipulation matches are rare, and the focus of the promotion remains on winning matches to earn shots at championships.

The Japanese wrestlers that compete in New Japan were usually top-flight amateurs, many of whom represented their country in the Olympics. New Japan's top officials, both of whom still wrestle and are two of its legendary stars—Riki Choshu and Masa Saito—both wrestled in the Olympics.

New Japan's biggest annual events take place at domed baseball stadiums—and often sell out. This past year, New Japan promoted two cards in North Korea; each drew in excess of 150,000 fans, setting all-time records for pro wrestling anywhere in the world. New Japan also set the Japanese record for attendance on October 9, 1995, for an interpromotional showdown with UWFI (Union of Wrestling Force International), a rival Japanese wrestling organization.

Part of the reason for New Japan's popularity is that it has close working ties with several other Japanese promotions, such as UWFI, Heisei Ishingun (HI), Michinoku Pro Wrestling, along with WCW in the United States, AAA in Mexico, and the CWA in Europe. This gives the company access to an incredible amount of talent for major cards and big tournaments.

Probably the most popular and intense matches in Japan are when the top stars of each promotion face off against each other with promotional bragging rights at stake, which brings all the fans

from both promotions to the card. The October 9 event at the Tokyo Dome, which saw IWGP champion Keiji Muto (The Great Muta) retain his title by making UWFI champion Nobuhiko Takada submit to a figure-four leglock, drew 67,000 and a gate of \$6.5-million. How big is that? By comparison, this card took in four times as much money as the WrestleMania III Hulk Hogan-Andre the Giant match at the Pontiac Silverdome, which drew a record 93,173, but a gate of \$1.6-million.

POLITICS AND CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD

New Japan was formed in 1972 and, throughout most of its history, saw Antonio Inoki remain its greatest star. Now a famous politician in Japan, Inoki is considered one of the two biggest names in Japanese wrestling history (the other being Rikidozan). Inoki's popularity in Japan greatly exceeds that of Hulk Hogan or Sting or Bret Hart, as evidenced by him winning a term in Japan's House of Councilors (equivalent to the United States Senate). The thunderous reactions to him for his two or three matches a year at the big events are like



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nothing ever seen in this country.

In 1995, New Japan sent a second wrestler into the House of Councilors when Hiroshi Hase was elected to office. That probably shows the difference between wrestling in the U.S. and Japan best: In the U.S., when Bob Backlund said he was going to run for President, the idea of a wrestler running for national office was treated as a joke. Meanwhile, two of New Japan's biggest stars were not only taken as serious candidates—but actually won their elections.

New Japan has its own world heavyweight title belt, known as the IWGP title (see title histories section on page 124 for a complete list of champions). The first champion was Hulk Hogan, who beat Inoki in the tournament final to create the title back in 1983. Inoki regained the title one year later. Since that time, only one American wrestler, Big Van Vader (himself a legend in Japan), has been able to win the title, having held it on three occasions. The current champ is Keiji Muto, known in the United States as The Great Muta.

The other major championships are the IWGP tag team titles and the IWGP junior heavyweight title. The tag team titles are currently held by Shinya Hashimoto and Junji Hirata. Only a few Americans have been able to win that title as well. Rick and Scott Steiner, who are two of the most popular Americans in Japan today, have held it on two occasions. Scott Norton, who became New Japan's most popular American singles wrestler when Vader left the promotion, has held the title with both Tony Halme and Hercules. Vader held the title once with Bam Bam Bigelow, and Road Warrior Hawk held the title twice with Kensuke Sasaki—the only American-Japanese combo ever to hold the belts.

The IWGP junior heavyweight title, meanwhile, has a story of its own.

SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS

As in the United States, heavyweights have traditionally dominated wrestling in Japan. Many of the most popular American wrestlers in Japanese history have

been the big men: Stan Hansen, Bruiser Brody, Big Van Vader, The Road Warriors, and Andre the Giant.

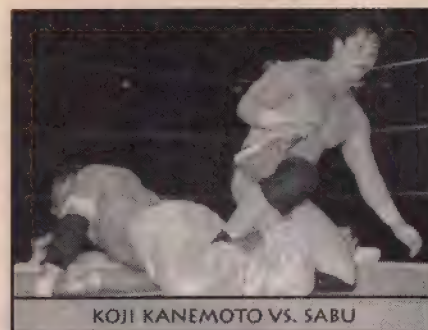
In 1981, however, a wrestler came along who changed Japanese wrestling forever.

Satoru Sayama was a wrestling fan who went on to compete as a kick-boxer and was trained in the New Japan dojo. He stood only 5'6" and weighed just 160 pounds. New Japan promoters knew he was a sensational athlete, but there was nowhere on their cards for a man of his size. So he was sent abroad, to England and Mexico, where weight classes are popular. Before long, he not only won the middleweight titles in both places, but became a legend in his own right.

In 1981, New Japan was looking for a way to attract young fans to wrestling. The most popular wrestler in the country among kids at the time was Mil Mascaras, but he wrestled for All-Japan. The most popular Saturday morning cartoon in Japan at the time was called Tiger Mask, about a young orphan who became a pro wrestler and fought criminals. The creator of the cartoon and New Japan got together and decided to create an actual wrestler called Tiger Mask for the fans.



TIGER MASK VS. TOSHIKI KAWADA



KOJI KANEMOTO VS. SABU

Tiger Mask wrestled a little over two years for New Japan before he left to become a trainer for martial arts fighters. Many of the moves that have just been discovered by American wrestling fans over years, like fancy bridging suplexes and speedy dives out of the ring, were actually popularized by Tiger Mask in Japan more than a decade ago. While he was created for kids, he soon became the hero of adults as well. In two years, he did the unthinkable, winning both the NWA and WWF junior heavyweight championships—and held both at the same time! During that period, he wrestled almost every night and never lost a match. His legend became unparalleled.

Tiger Mask's successor as Japan's junior heavyweight superstar was Jushin "Thunder" Liger, who has held the IWGP junior heavyweight title a record six times. With Liger missing most of 1995 after breaking his ankle in September 1994, the title bounced back and forth most of the year between Koji Kanemoto and Sabu, with Kanemoto winning it in May at the Fukuoka Dome. But people are now already talking about Shinjiro Otani as the next junior heavyweight superstar.

In 1995, New Japan became the most popular wrestling organization in the world, even though outside of a few matches on WCW television and its videos being in a few select video stores, there is almost no trace of the company in the United States. The New Japan television show is popular in Europe, and its wrestlers have headlined six cards in the past year that drew more than 50,000 fans.

JAPAN'S OTHER BIG PROMOTION

The number-two promotion in Japan is All-Japan Pro Wrestling. All-Japan is unique among Japanese federations in that it doesn't work with any other companies and has a stable of full-time American wrestlers who wrestle virtually only for them. The reason American fans rarely hear about stars like Stan Hansen, Steve Williams, Johnny Ace, Dan Kroffat, Doug Furnas, The Fantastics, The Patriot, Dory Funk Jr., Johnny Smith, and Abdullah the Butcher anymore is because they almost exclusively compete for All-Japan.

All-Japan is owned by wrestler Shohei "Giant" Baba, himself a three-time holder of the NWA World heavyweight title when that title was considered one of the world's major championships. In the 1970s, All-Japan gained a great



MITSU HARU MISAWA VS. STAN HANSEN

following because all the leading NWA stars would appear on this group's cards. The NWA World and junior heavyweight champions would make frequent trips overseas for All-Japan. When the NWA collapsed in the late-'80s, Baba distanced himself from other wrestling promoters and created his own stable of foreign wrestlers who competed only for him.

The strength of All-Japan lies in its top four Japanese wrestlers, Mitsuharu Misawa, Toshiaki Kawada, Kenta Kobashi, and Akira Taue. On April 2, 1995, Baba broke his isolation rule by cooperating with all the major Japanese companies for a one-night Super Bowl Of Wrestling card at the Tokyo Dome. To the surprise of nobody, the

most popular wrestlers on the card all came from All-Japan, with Misawa being the most popular wrestler of them all.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD

All-Japan's top singles title, currently held by Mitsuharu Misawa, is called the Triple Crown. It was formed in 1989 when Jumbo Tsuruta, who held the now-defunct NWA International title, defeated Stan Hansen, who at the time held both the NWA United National title and the PWF heavyweight title.

Toshiaki Kawada and Akira Taue hold the tag team title, called the Double Title. It was unified in 1988 when Tsuruta and Yoshiaki Yatsu (who held the PWF tag team title) beat The Road Warriors (who held the NWA International tag team belts). All-Japan also has a junior heavyweight champion, Yoshinari Ogawa, who won the title on September 3, 1995, with a shocking upset of longtime champion Dan Kroffat, who had held the belt since July 12, 1994.

All-Japan wrestling has a unique style. All of its matches end either in pinfalls, submissions, or time-limit draws. There is no such thing as a countout or disqualification, as Baba believes those kind of decisions leave fans dissatisfied. Fed up with the direction wrestling was going, with fans paying good money to see the top stars compete and often leaving without seeing clear-cut winners and losers,



MINAMI TOYOTA

Baba told his referees not to allow bouts to end without clean finishes in the middle of the ring. This caused a lot of wrestlers to not want to compete for All-Japan, as when they are in danger of losing, they can't protect their reputations with self-imposed disqualifications.

All-Japan doesn't have grudge matches, feuds, or special stipulation matches. Baba believes that while they may draw a big crowd, in the long run they hurt the reputation of pro wrestling. All-Japan's approach is unique, but the group has sold out nearly 200 events in a row in Tokyo—with no end in sight! There is a Cal Ripken Jr. type of record that will stand for a long, long time.

MORE JAPANESE GROUPS

The many other promotions in Japan cater to specific audiences. The most common types of so-called niche promotions are women's wrestling, hardcore brawling wrestling (known in Japan as "garbage" wrestling, which is not considered a negative term), hard-edged "shoot" wrestling style, and the "Lucha Libre" style of matches popularized in Mexico.

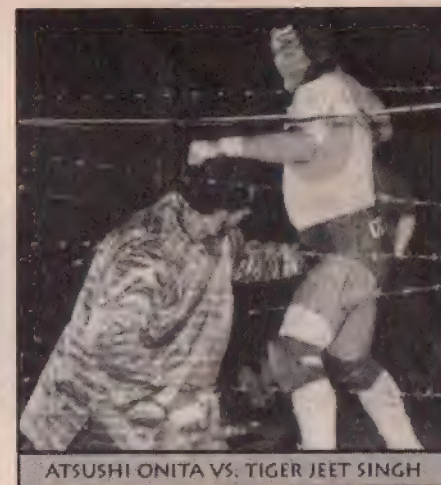
There are three promotions that run only women's wrestling matches, the most popular of which is All-Japan women. There are no better-conditioned wrestlers in the world than the All-Japan women, showcased recently on both WWF and WCW cards. The All-Japan women's promotion has a strong following, and in November 1994 ran its own card at the Tokyo Dome that drew 42,500 fans. Its two biggest stars are Minami Toyota, who looks more like a beauty queen than a top pro athlete (but has more wrestling moves than anyone in the world, male or female) and Aja Kong, a brutal 220-pound monster reminiscent of a female Abdullah the Butcher.

"GARBAGE" WRESTLING

There are numerous so-called garbage federations. The most popular now is the IWA (International Wrestling Alliance). The IWA is



CACTUS JACK VS. SHOJI NAKAMAKI



ATSUSHI ONITA VS. TIGER JEET SINGH

affiliated with the NWA in the United States and EMLL (Empresa Mexicana Lucha Libre) in Mexico. Not only have they had Dan Severn defend the NWA title on major cards, but the group has also had some of the lighter-weight champions from EMLL defend their titles as well. This group features Americans Cactus Jack and Terry Funk, veteran madman Tiger Jeet Singh, great technical wrestlers such as Miguel Perez, Silver King, Super Astro, and El Texano, and an amazingly agile pair of 440-pound twin brothers from the Dominican Republic known as The Head Hunters (currently the IWA tag team champions).

IWA features the most barbaric matches ever conceived: broken-glass matches, barbed-wire baseball bat matches, and one in which the ring was surrounded by a bed of nails. A major IWA card is very similar to an ECW card, with brawling, breaking tables, and fire regular occurrences. Like ECW, IWA will feature a great technical match on most major cards.

On August 20, 1995, this small promotion shocked the wrestling world by drawing more than 28,000 fans to a baseball stadium for a King of the Death Match tournament that saw Cactus beat Terry Funk in the finals. Funk, who began appearing in Japan more than 25 years ago, is one of the country's most famous American athletes. By beating Funk, Cactus became an enormous favorite as well.

The other major "garbage" promotion is FMW



TOSHIAKI KAWADA VS. STEVE WILLIAMS

(Frontier Martial Arts). FMW lost a great deal of its popularity when its biggest star, Atsushi Onita, retired in May 1995. The group's mantle is now being carried by a young man named Hayabusa, who wrestles a style that would best be described as a cross between Sabu and 2 Cold Scorpio. The top Americans that compete in FMW are FMW Brass Knux champion The Gladiator (also known as Mike Awesome) and Horace Boulder, the nephew of Hulk Hogan. FMW is also the group that first brought Sabu his international reputation.

SHOOT-STYLE WRESTLING

Shoot-style wrestling, promoted by three major organizations, is probably closer in nature to the Ultimate Fighting Championships than to WWF or WCW. The matches are fast and brutal, with no pinfalls allowed; the only way to win is via submission or knockout. Referees enforce the rules strictly, but since the wrestlers know what is and isn't allowed, it is rare to find a disqualification and wrestlers never brawl outside the ring.

The most popular of the shoot-style groups today is the Pancrase organization. Pancrase's top star is an American, Ken Shamrock, best known in the United States for his UFC matches against the likes of Royce Gracie, Dan Severn, and Oleg Taktarov. But while he was practically unknown to American fans one year ago, Shamrock in 1994 finished behind only Stan Hansen and Steve Williams as the most

popular American wrestler in the eyes of Japanese fans.

The top American wrestlers for Pancrase are ex-UFC competitors Jason DiLucia and Guy Mezger, former world kick-boxing champion Maurice Smith, and Shamrock's younger brother, Frank, who is currently the number-one contender to the Pancrase title. The current champion is Bas Rutten of the Netherlands, a man who combines brutal kicking ability with a vast knowledge of submission holds. Probably the most popular of all the Japanese stars in Pancrase is Masakatsu Funaki, who once beat boxing great Roberto Duran in a mixed match.

Because the emphasis is on speed in getting opponents in holds on the mat, speed in getting out of them, and on conditioning (because relaxing for even one moment often spells defeat), almost all of the Pancrase wrestlers would be classified as junior heavyweights in the United States. Ken Shamrock, its top star, tries to stay between 205 and 210 pounds for his matches; former champion Minoru Suzuki weighed only 175 when he won the title from Shamrock.

Another shoot group is called RINGS, headed by Akira Maeda, who, with the exception of the top All-Japan wrestlers and perhaps The Great Muta, is the most popular of all the Japanese wrestlers. In addition to Japanese stars, Maeda features Russian, Dutch, and Bulgarian competitors, none of whom have ever wrestled in the United States. Volk Han, a Russian submission expert, is generally considered to be the top wrestler in RINGS. Besides drawing very well in Japan, RINGS-promoted cards in the Netherlands and in Russia have drawn huge crowds to see the RINGS stars from those countries face the Japanese.

The third major shoot-style group is UWFI, whose stars are currently feuding with the New Japan wrestlers. UWFI's biggest star, Nobuhiko Takada, has an international reputation based on having twice defeated Big Van Vader by submission—once when Vader held the WCW World title (in that match, however, only Takada's UWFI title was at stake). Takada once won a mixed match against former WBC heavyweight boxing champion Trevor Berbick in less than two minutes. UWFI also has a large following in both England and Israel.

LUCHA-STYLE AND WAR

"Lucha Libre" is Mexican professional wrestling (see next section), and there are several groups in Japan that promote Lucha-style competition. The most popular of the Lucha-style groups is Michinoku Pro Wrestling. Michinoku Pro is in some ways similar to Smoky Mountain Wrestling in the United States in that it runs small cards in tiny towns and villages that the major promotions would never consider.

Michinoku Pro was where current WWF star Hakushi got his start. Michinoku's biggest star presently is The Great Sasuke, the best and most acrobatic flier in Japan. Most of the foreign wrestlers, as you would expect, come from Mexico, although U.S. independent wrestlers like Jerry Lynn, Super Boy, and Piloto Suicida have had success with this group.

One final Japanese organization worth noting doesn't really fit into any of the above categories, yet tries to fit into most of them. The promotion is known as Wrestle Association R, or WAR for short.

WAR has a loose affiliation with the WWF in the United States and EMLL in Mexico.

A typical WAR card will feature a lot of the elements of the different organizations. Usually there are two women's matches, a Lucha Libre match or two, a brawling match or two, and the main events are usually six-man tag matches held inside a cage. WAR is the only promotion in Japan that has cage matches. WAR doesn't have a heavyweight



GENICHIRO TENRYU VS. MR. ONITA

champion; its major championships are several lightweight titles, plus a six-man tag team championship.

WAR's biggest star is Genichiro Tenryu, who many years ago held the NWA World six-man title with The Road Warriors. After the threesome split up and the six-man championship was no longer recognized in the United States, WAR held a tournament to revive the title. The champions right now are Koki Kitahara, Nobutaka Araya, and Arashi. WAR has its own junior heavyweight champion, Ultimo Dragon, who is one of the most accomplished wrestlers in Mexico. Dragon and his top rival, Lion Heart, who wrestled in SMW last



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year as Chris Jericho of the Thrillseekers tag team, have traded the NWA middleweight title back and forth in both Japan and Mexico, where the title has been based since the 1930s.

MEXICAN LUCHA LIBRE

Mexican wrestling—Lucha Libre—is a world apart from wrestling in Japan and the United States, where the emphasis is on heavyweights and, to some degree, junior heavyweights. Though the wrestlers are much smaller in stature, Mexico has weight classes, so anyone with ability can have a place in Mexican wrestling, regardless of size. One of the country's most popular stars today, Rey Misterio Jr., weighs only 140 pounds.

Lucha Libre (which in the United States and Japan indicates the Mexican style of wrestling, but in Mexico simply denotes professional wrestling) is characterized by smaller wrestlers, greater acrobatics, and an emphasis on submission holds. Many wrestlers traditionally wear masks, and most matches are six-man bouts in which the winning team must pin (or achieve submission over) either the captain of the opposing team or both remaining members of that team.

Because the wrestlers are in general very small, they developed the fastest-paced, most acrobatic style in the world. And Mexico has more wrestlers than any country in the world. In most cities in Mexico, it isn't uncommon to find two or three live cards per week. Some nights in Mexico City, there are as many as two dozen wrestling cards! There are more cards, more



PERRO AGUAYO VS. EDDY GUERRERO

wrestling promotions, and more wrestlers in Mexico than anyone could ever hope to keep track of. All those cards means a lot of wrestlers, especially since most matches in Mexico are what are called trios matches, or six-man tags in American terms. Lucha-style cards in recent years have spread to the United States, particularly in Los Angeles, and to Japan, with organizations like Michinoku Pro.

AAA, which is the most popular promotion in Mexico right now, was formed in 1992. The wrestling style on AAA events is not traditional Lucha Libre, as most new fans mistake it to be. AAA was formed by Antonio Pena, and was built around a few veteran legends of the Lucha Libre wars such as Perro Aguayo and Cien



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Caras. But at the heart of the promotion are the dozens of wrestlers under 25 years old, best exemplified by Rey Misterio Jr. and Psicosis. These young men all grew up trained in Lucha style, but by traveling to the United States and Japan, and studying videotapes on the long bus rides to the various cities in which they wrestle, they have put together a style that combines the best of America, Mexico, and Japan. When these young men gain a little more experience, there is little doubt that they will be the best wrestlers in the world.

In recent years, some of the top names brought to Mexico by AAA have been Black Cat and Koji Kanemoto of New Japan, and "Love Machine" Art Barr from the United States, who was on the verge of superstardom when he died in 1994.

AAA has champions in every weight division. Right now, the title matches that seem to mean the most are in the welterweight division, with Misterio Jr. holding the crown. However, the two most popular wrestlers in Mexico are Aguayo and Konnan. Aguayo, Mexico's equivalent to

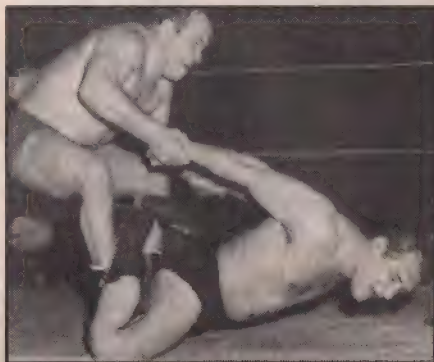
Bruno Sammartino, is a national hero and arguably the most popular wrestler in the world. Konnan, a transplanted Cuban-American, who grew up in the U.S. watching both California and Florida wrestling, became an instant superstar in Mexico because of his size (237 pounds).

AAA's heavyweight champion, known as the WWA heavyweight champion, is a young bodybuilder named Cibernetico, who upset Aguayo for the title on October 27, 1995, in Tehuacan.

No story on pro wrestling in Mexico would be complete without mentioning El Santo, probably the most beloved wrestler who ever lived. Santo, who wrestled from the late-'30s all the way through the '70s, is Mexico's greatest native movie star, having starred in 44 films. In American terms, Santo is like James Bond and Arnold Schwarzenegger wrapped up in one. His movie fame as an action hero, before such a term even existed in the United States, came in fight scenes and dramas where he would never be seen without his trademark silver mask.

In the mid-1960s, another Mexican legend developed as a former bodybuilder known as Mil Mascaras became both a wrestling champion and movie star. Mascaras was the only superstar in Mexico ever to make it just as big in the United States and Japan. He is still active today.

From the '50s through the mid-'70s, many of the great Mexican stars appeared in the United States, primarily in Texas and California. Such competitors as Rito Romero, Raul Mata, Jose Lothario, the legendary tag team of Goliath and Black Gorman, Ray Mendoza, Blackie Guzman, Pepper Gomez, Dos Caras, El Canek,



GORI GUERRERO VS. ROY HEFFERNAN



LION HEART VS. ULTIMO DRAGON



EL HIJO DEL SANTO VS. PSICOSIS

plus Gori Guerrero and his sons Chavo, Mando, and Hector held numerous major championships.

But from the mid-'70s until 1993, it seemed the border separating the United States and Mexico was like the Berlin Wall that could never be crossed. That changed on August 28, 1993, when AAA ran a card at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Not only did the building sell out with 16,742 fans, but 8,000 fans more were turned away! This was the same Sports Arena that the WWF had failed to sell out for two different WrestleManias. Suddenly, every wrestling promoter in the world wanted to know more about Konnan El Barbaro, Perro Aguayo, Cien Caras, and El Hijo del Santo (son of El Santo). Since that time, AAA has run numerous successful events in Los Angeles, San Jose, Chicago, and New York, and even ran a pay-per-view event in 1994. Most recently, many AAA stars have ventured to Japan, ECW (Konnan, Rey Misterio Jr., Psicosis, and La Parka), and WCW (Eddy Guerrero). Because it has a weekly Spanish-language television show that has immense popularity in Southern California on local stations, and nationally on the Spanish-language network Galavisión, AAA has the biggest following in the U.S. of all the international promotions.

Traditional Lucha Libre still exists in Mexico in EMLL. Formed in 1933, EMLL is the oldest major wrestling group in the world. EMLL's popularity made a comeback in late-1995 after a talent-raid of AAA talent like El Hijo del Santo, plus an affiliation with IWA that brought in Miguel Perez. The organization is planning to promote major cards

in the U.S. in the near future.

Because EMLL is based on tradition, many of the group's biggest stars are sons of legends of years past. Next to Santo, the most popular wrestler in EMLL today is Rayo de Jalisco Jr, whose father Rayo de Jalisco Sr., was a Mexican version of a '60s Dusty Rhodes.

Technical brilliance can be found at times in the EMLL rings, particularly from the likes of Silver King, the son of the '60s legend Dr. Wagner; Negro Casas, son of '60s legend Pepe Casas; and Ultimo Dragon, a Japanese wrestler with an array of flying moves that can match anyone in the world.

EMLL, formed by Salvador Lutteroth, was a strong member of the NWA from its inception. Because Mexico was the hotbed of lighter-weight wrestling, it became home to the NWA's light heavyweight, middleweight, and welterweight titles. While the NWA name has lost most of its



APOLO DANTES

worldwide luster, those lighter-weight titles are still defended in Mexico. Currently, Dandy holds the light heavyweight title, Ultimo Dragon the middleweight crown, and the welterweight title is vacant with a tournament expected to be held shortly. The group also has titles in several weight divisions known as the CMLL (Consejo Mundial Lucha Libre) championships. The heavyweight king is Apolo Dantes, a second-generation wrestler whose father held the NWA light heavyweight title on several occasions.

A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

Beyond Japan and Mexico, the other part of the world currently promoting the most wrestling is Europe. What's interesting about Europe is that the wrestling that is most popular there is the WWF. One of the most famous WWF cards ever was the 1992 SummerSlam, held at Wembley Stadium in London, England, which drew more than 80,000 fans. WWF events routinely sell out in England, Germany, and particularly Austria.

WCW, New Japan, and UWFI also have great followings on television in Europe. WCW has toured Europe in the past, and probably will do so again in the future, although not as

regularly as WWF. While New Japan has a popular television show in both English and German, the organization hasn't attempted to promote cards there.

There are several smaller wrestling organizations in England, Germany, and Austria as well. The most famous of these is the CWA (Catch Wrestling Association). Headed by former AWA World champion Otto Wanz, CWA is unique in that it runs its cards based on tournaments. Every year in the major cities of Austria and Germany, there will be a card every night for approximately 40 days. Strict win-loss records are kept, and at the end of the tour, a championship is awarded. Then, after a few weeks off, the wrestlers will head to the next city and wrestle for approximately 40 days.

Wanz uses mainly wrestlers from England and Germany on his cards, but some North Americans are regulars as well. The best-known U.S. stars would be former Dallas-area wrestlers John Hawk and Rod Price, former WCW wrestlers P.N. News (who wrestles as Cannonball Grizzly) and Ice Train, and former WWF star Man Mountain Rock. The CWA heavyweight champion is French wrestler Rambo, who has held the title on two occasions, winning it from Big Van Vader and Road Warrior Hawk. The middleweight champion is a name more familiar to American fans, Paul Roma.



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